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PUPILS LEARN ALL ABOUT THE VALUE OF COURAGE

ON Friday, February 12, the pupils, staff and families at All Saints Primary School in Barry shared a wonderful day examining the value of 'courage'. (SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 4).



Summer tribute festival line-up is announced... GlastonBARRY to return this July!

by GEM REPORTER



Ross and Matt, of Mack Events, have announced the line-up for this year's GlastonBARRY at Romilly Park.

THE fourth GlastonBARRY Tribute Festival will take place on Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31, from 12pm until 9pm, at Romilly Park – with more than 5,000 people expected to attend.

In just three years, Barry has become one of the most popular venues on the summer tribute band circuit.

The event is organised by Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg of Mack Events.

Ross told The GEM: "Ten of the UK's top tribute bands will be performing on the main stage, with other support acts to be announced for the acoustic stage."

"We've also got some surprise announcements up our sleeve for future weeks."

Matt explained: "We talked about the GlastonBARRY idea 15 years ago, as teenagers, but it didn't happen until three years ago."

"We wanted to create the perfect line-up at a festival but, most importantly, hold it in our home town."

Ross and Matt first started putting on high-profile, after-dinner evenings with sports stars like Jamie Roberts, Matt Le Tissier, and Paul Merson.

GlastonBARRY was first held in 2013 and since then it has grown rapidly.

Last year, people flew into the Vale from as far away as California, New Zealand and Australia.

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'Time to pitch in with more funding'

IT was with interest that I read Vale of Glamorgan MP Alun Cairns' recent comments addressing the issue of Vale football league fixtures being affected by wet weather.

The Vale Council currently maintains pitches at 12 locations across the Vale. While there have only been three weekends so far this season when no games have taken place at all, it is certainly true that the Welsh winter often renders pitches unsafe for play.

In his column, Mr Cairns appears to call on the Vale Council to build more artificial pitches to solve this, something he says he has "long campaigned for".

If this is the case, I'd be interested to know how much of this campaigning has been undertaken in Westminster where he represents the Vale. This is because that is where the money to pay for the pitches would need to come from. Money that Mr Cairns and his colleagues have been cutting every year since he was elected!

Despite the savage cuts imposed on local government services by central government, the Vale Council has continued to do all it can to support grass roots football, and community sport in general.

In 2014, we built a state-of-the-art pitch that is open to all as part of the Penarth Learning Community. Last year we invested in a new 3G playing surface for Jenner Park to enable us to open the stadium up to the whole community. This year we will be building artificial pitches at the Colcot Sports Centre.

While Mr Cairns should be aware of these schemes, his comments make clear that he is not aware of how much a 3G pitch costs.

The new pitch at Jenner Park cost around £445,000. If he is suggesting that the council should raise the money locally, then I'd point out that a one per cent increase in council tax would raise only £600,000, the cost of a little more than one full size pitch. The money therefore clearly needs to come from elsewhere.

The council, like all fans of grassroots football, want to see better pitches that enable people to play the game they love 365 days a year.

We are doing all we can to make this happen. If Mr Cairns shares this vision then I'd suggest he start working to secure more funding, rather than continuing to oversee its removal.

Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major, Cabinet member for visible services and leisure, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

'Alcohol is at the root of fans' boorish behaviour'

IWOULD like to add my support to the mother who took her seven-year-old son to a match, only to have to tolerate the most foul language and drunken behaviour of so-called fans.

The response from the WRU suggests that it is for the law-abiding fan to bring bad behaviour

to the attention of stewards, who, they claim, are trained to deal with such situations.

Why do they have to be alerted? Don't they have eyes, or are they too focused on watching the game?

This is not a new problem; several years ago, I took my granddaughter to a Six Nations game and suffered the same foul-mouthed abuse; on top of that, it is high-on-

impossible these days to enjoy the occasion without numerous individuals getting up and down several times during a match to refill their beer glasses, when in many cases they are already inebriated!

Why is it that the bars remain open during a game, can't people sit for 80 minutes without a beer?

Surely it is time for the WRU to prohibit the sale of alcohol five minutes before kick-off and restore the facility at full time.

I appreciate there will be a loss of revenue from the sale of alcohol, but having paid £85 for a ticket one should be allowed to watch the game uninterrupted, except perhaps to answer a call of nature!

I will not be renewing my original debenture.

John Evans, Talygarn.

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'Put homes on the old airfield at Llandow'

HAVING read in The GEM a letter from Mr Alun Davies, I feel I must reply to some of his points.

As a local man aged 67 years, who was born in Llanblethian and has now lived here for the past 45 years, I find it most insulting for him to say that the residents should ask for a Rolex watch for this development.

Also, we were promised a swimming pool when I was a young lad. With reference to his point that the developer would fund the new road and school, plus a £4 million education budget, if he builds 400 houses at

£200,000 each, that comes out at £80 million – so giving £5 million is a small percentage.

I have already seen houses built on the Llantwit Major road, The Verlands, Druid's Green, Middlegate Court and Brookfield Park.

As for the new link road from the by-pass to Llantwit Road, it is just a smoke screen: the majority of the heavy traffic coming through Cowbridge is mostly from the Llantrisant area, and would not use the link road. The bulk of the traffic coming to Cowbridge from Llantwit Major turns under Darren bridge and up the by-pass to Cardiff.

Why don't they put this new

development on the old Llandow airfield to be a benefit to Cowbridge and Llantwit Major? They could even open Llandow Halt old railway station, so people would be able to travel to Bridgend, Barry or Cardiff.

My last point, which Mr Davies does not mention, is where the drainage water from this site is going to go. The Cowbridge flood defence scheme has controlled the water and stopped the flooding in Cowbridge and Llanblethian. Is the water from this development going to affect this defence system?

Paul Taylor, Aberthaw.

THE SAGA OF BARRY LAGOON

AFTER four years of deliberation and mismanagement, the Coldbrook catchment flood scheme has finally come to town.

At least this time

there has been some notice of developments via the Press, regarding funding and commencement of works.

The same cannot be said, however, for the council's website that had not been updated since 2014, until we prompted them via email, to which we had no reply!

The flood scheme, in its initial stage, began in 2012 with a design for an oval shaped lagoon to store water in the event of a 'one in 100' storm.

The lagoon was deemed inadequate for the amount of water gauged to fall in this event and was redesigned a number of times. Then extra

funding was required as the lagoon had doubled in size and was then to become a Lawful Development.

In 2014, the massacre of over 100 healthy trees took place at a moment's notice. We were told that no more trees will be cut; however, they are still being cut with vegetation right along the watercourse.

They state the environmental impact is low. How can they justify that when the nesting season is imminent?

We were promised a series of meetings by Miles Punter. One meeting was in 2012 then another was arranged due to public pressure in 2014, so

people along the catchment could become familiar with the development and its implications for them.

Fast-forward to now. The scheme has begun and is programmed to continue for 10 months; these measures are meant to help prevent flooding at the lower end of the catchment, but there are no guarantees!

Finally, my concern will be, once completed, will the council endeavour to maintain it, given that cuts to public services will continue well into the foreseeable future?

'Self governing' they say it is, but 'self maintaining' it is not!

T Abery, Barry.

'Dog owners have legal duty'

WE are fortunate, in Cowbridge, to be surrounded by beautiful countryside in which to walk. So it is beyond me why some owners insist on allowing their dogs to foul recreational areas, such as Twt Park and the rugby pitches behind the police station.

A short walk around the Old Grammar School cricket fields reveals how this amenity is being abused.

Dog fouling is subject to law for good reason and owners have a legal duty. Dog faeces can contain Toxocara eggs.

These can survive in the soil for several years and may cause eye, liver, brain and respiratory problems

such as asthma, hepatitis and epilepsy if ingested. The Vale Council are aware of the issue and have arranged for an enforcement officer to visit Cowbridge. Their advice to rugby and football coaches alike, is to always inspect pitches before matches.

So could I kindly ask those who don't already do so, to please keep your dog away from rugby and football pitches (the big green areas with posts at either end), and children's play areas – and clean up dog mess immediately.

I am not anti-dog, but simply want to preserve these precious recreational areas as a healthy environment in which our children can play.

Mark Hardy, Cowbridge.

'Volunteer – or we will shut your library down!'

I'M afraid that I could not let Vale of Glamorgan Council Leader Neil Moore's recent comments in The GEM, with regard to community libraries, pass without response.

I echo Coun Moore's gratitude and praise for those within their respective communities who have come forward to volunteer to run their local libraries, including the group volunteering to keep Sully library in my own ward open.

However, I feel that it is worth pointing out that despite Coun Moore's positive and cheery spin on the subject in his monthly column, the scenario was very much one of 'volunteer or we'll shut your library down – take it or leave it.'

This from a cabinet that accepted rises to their councillor allowances, while considering proposals cutting the working week of our modestly-waged library staff, in addition to the 'volunteer, run it, or lose your library' edict.

I did ask Coun Moore and cabinet colleagues at the time if they were refusing their pay rise in empathy with Vale library staff.

It seems that we're not all quite 'in it together' when it comes to deciding who is immune to cuts and who isn't.

Kevin Mahoney, Independent councillor for Sully and Lavernock ward, Vale County Borough Council.

'Process re-think'

DAILY encounter residents upset with a flawed Vale planning process that builds houses without consideration for infrastructure.

In Ogmore by Sea, Wick and Cowbridge, 900 new homes are being constructed without consideration for: overburdened sewage systems, construction lorries destroying roadways, mud flowing down denuded hillsides during rainstorms, traffic clogging village centres, schools already over capacity and a broken bus/public transport system.

Eighteen years ago in the Netherlands, I saw a much different planning approach from the Vale's 'ring-fenced' system.

The Dutch Bestemmingsplan involves all stakeholders, ensures everyone is heard and ALL concerns are addressed long before the first bulldozer arrives. Planning must involve all sides. Here it is separated from everything else. No wonder we have issues.

When I am your AM, I will bring legislation that removes these ring-fences, introduces a Welsh 'Bestemmingsplan process' and aligns all departments and parties. Simply, we must have openness and transparency throughout the planning process!

Denis Campbell, Lib-Dem Assembly candidate for the Vale..

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
10 Thur	07.16	10.7	19.36	10.6
11 Fri	07.58	10.8	20.19	10.7
12 Sat	08.42	10.6	20.59	10.4
13 Sun	09.25	10.3	21.46	9.9
14 Mon	10.09	9.7	22.29	9.2
15 Tues	10.58	10.9	23.23	8.5
16 Wed	11.59	8.1		
17 Thur	00.33	8.0	13.21	7.9

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RESIDENTS HOPE BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION...

How green was Little Hill until contractors built their depot...



The familiar green has disappeared under a hardstanding surface, temporary buildings and plant equipment.

THE residents of a picturesque area of Barry hope a temporary works depot will soon be removed from their village green.

The Cadoxton Conservation Area includes common land in Brock Street used by the community for activities such as picnics, walking the dogs and playing games.

But local resident Lynette Knight (63) told The GEM that the Vale Council and contractors Dyer & Butler had moved onto the site without proper planning permission and without carrying out a consultation with local people.

Mrs Knight explained: "It has been put on there without going through the proper procedures and we're worried about damage to the land and nearby road."

VALUABLE
The depot is being used as a base for work on the £2.9million Coldbrook Flood Risk Management Project. The work being done is some distance from Brock Street – at White Farm and near St Richard Gwyn School.

Mrs Knight said: "We have lost a valuable resource and recreational site that was used daily by the residents and the wider community – the boys' brigade, schools, dog walkers, children playing games, and people having picnics."

"We now want the site and our significant green open space reinstated to its former beauty."

"This area makes an important contribution to the village of Cadoxton, preserving its rural appearance, despite surrounding urban development."

"About 20 years ago young lads used Little Hill Park to ride quad bikes, terrifying the young children who played there. The council informed us that there were by-laws in place to prevent vehicles and horses from using the area and a sign was erected which is still there, and boulders were put in place to prevent unauthorized use."

"Why is this now being ignored simply because it suits the council to allow buildings

and vehicles to enter this area?"

Mrs Knight said it was ironic that residents were restricted from putting up things such as Sky dishes and uPVC windows because it is a conservation area, and yet the council was able to override such restrictions.

"If we broke planning laws in a conservation area we would be asked to stop immediately."

She said a generator also keeps people awake at night.

Mrs Knight says using a portion of Pencoedre Park as a depot would have made far more sense.

The residents had a meeting with Vale Council officials and the contractors on February 10, but Mrs Knight says a number of issues raised have not received a proper response: proof

other sites were considered; whether an ecology report was compiled (the quarry is a haven for bats and birds); whether an assessment of the potential damage to the road, due to use of heavy equipment, was undertaken; and what the licence conditions were in terms of restoring the site to its former glory.

REMOVED
Mrs Knight has met local councillor Fred Johnson, and says he has pledged to support residents in their fight to get the depot removed.

Coun Fred Johnson told The GEM: "I concur with my fellow colleagues Anne and Neil Moore and can say that I was appalled to see the extent of compound being set up in the conservation area of Brock Street, Cadoxton."

He added: "I and my Ward colleagues are working with the officers to get the compound removed as soon as possible and to return the land back to public open space."

(See responses from Coun Anne Moore and Coun Neil Moore in panel to the right).

LATE NEWS: Miles Punter of the Vale Council said: "The council is currently working with the contractor to assess the viability of moving the compound and identify alternative sites. We will keep local residents fully informed of any developments."

by GEM REPORTER



An aerial view of Little Hill Park in Cadoxton.

'Barry Mayor must not go to fundraiser in civic capacity'

BARRY Town Council must draw up clear guidelines regarding the duties of the Mayor, a local councillor has said.

The call comes following disquiet that the Mayor was intending to support a fundraiser in her official capacity for Labour Assembly Member Jane Hutt.

Coun Shirley Hodges said: "It is not the role of the civic head of the town to attend Labour Party events. Obviously it's fine to go along as an individual at your own cost."

"I was a little surprised as leader of the opposition and a Plaid Cymru member to get invited to an event to launch Jane Hutt's Assembly bid. I've always been told this was a non-political event."

"I have questioned the wisdom of the Town Mayor attending. Having been in correspondence with the town clerk I now understand the Mayor Coun Emma Pritchard has been persuaded not to attend, although she may go as a private resident."

"What a shame the Labour Party has spoilt this traditional dinner with politics."

"This does show that Plaid needs to carefully

by GEM REPORTER

watch what the Labour-run Town Council is doing."

Barry Town Council Mayor, Coun Emma Pritchard explained: "Upon the receipt of the invitation for the Mayor to attend the Dorothy Rees Memorial lunch, with no other event in the diary, the invitation was accepted."

"Every Mayor that has attended this luncheon in the past years, has paid for their ticket and not placed the

cost on the council.

"When Coun Hodges contacted the acting town clerk with her concerns, the matter was looked into and brought to the attention of myself."

"The invitation received by the Mayor did not state that this event was in support of the Labour Party AM candidate."

"After considering the concerns of Coun Hodges, I decided that it was not appropriate to attend as Mayor, but I would attend as an individual to support the celebration of the life and accomplishments of a Barry resident."

Company's Easter eggs for Foodbank

HUSBAND and wife funeral directors Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service (181 Court Road, Barry) are appealing for the community to come together once more with their Easter Egg Appeal.

This year, their chosen charity is the Vale Foodbank, helping local families enjoy this special time of the year.

They said: "We have enjoyed being an active part of the community over the years and all our events and appeals have always been supported and welcomed. In previous years, the response has been amazing. Last year the collection was over 150 eggs, and to be able to help local families is such a privilege."

"The last date for accepting eggs is Monday, March 21. Shortly after, the eggs will be donated to the foodbank."

Lyndsay will pick up donations if someone is unable to get to the office.

COUNCILLORS ISSUE PLEDGE ON COMPOUND: 'Peace must be restored to heart of old Cadoxton village'

The scheme to alleviate the threat of flooding through the Coldbrook catchment area has been long overdue, but what has transpired is an absolute travesty for the residents of the Brock Street area.

It is even more galling as the local councillors (of which I am one) have not been kept informed through this process other than receiving an email on December 18 informing us that a letter was to be sent to residents by the contractor and a newsletter would be issued.

The letter stated that: "As part of these works we will be using the grassed area adjacent to Brock Street as the location of our site compound. This compound area will be used to place temporary site offices and a storage area"; and "During this period we will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum".

No one reading that letter would have envisaged what has transpired and what has evolved is an absolute scandal.

However, we made it clear that we wanted to be kept updated as the work commenced so that if we received any questions or concerns from local residents we would be fully informed.

Regrettably, this has not been the case. As local councillors, we assumed that a planning application

I have been aware that the Coldbrook Flood Alleviation works are taking place in the Cadoxton area and that there may be some disruption in the process.

But I only became aware of the situation in Brock Street after my Ward colleague Coun Fred Johnson contacted me and showed me photographs of the site after the contractors had moved in without any notice being given to us as local councillors.

I visited the site at the first opportunity and was amazed at what I saw. I was devastated at what confronted me.

Since Friday, I and my fellow ward colleagues, Councillors Johnson and Neil Moore, have been working with officers to have the site moved to a more suitable

would have ordinarily been forthcoming, so as to identify the exact nature and location, particularly as this area is in a Conservation Area.

Had an application been submitted, we would have made objections and I am absolutely convinced that planning permission would not have been agreed.

However, there was no such application and everyone was taken aback by what developed.

My colleague Coun Fred Johnson was initially contacted by a resident who alerted us to the issue. Since then as Ward councillors we have had discussions with the Director of Environment and Visible Services and the Managing Director of the Vale of Glamorgan Council to share our outrage, and, albeit in retrospect, we have reached an agreement that the compound will be moved as soon as possible and the area reinstated.

On behalf of the three Ward councillors, I would like to confirm that we were totally unaware of the seriousness of the outcome of the contractor's actions.

It appears to me that despite their platitudes the contractors understated the impact caused and failed to keep anyone informed. We trust that this part of the historic Cadoxton Village will return to its previously calm and tranquil setting.

Coun Neil Moore Labour member for Cadoc Ward.

location and for the area to be fully reinstated as soon as possible, though it could take some weeks due to the scale of the move and reinstatement.

Whilst we must not forget that this Flood Alleviation Scheme is being carried out for the benefit of residents in Cadoc, Court and Gibbonsdown because over 100 homes were flooded in 2007, what has happened here is unacceptable.

Brock Street is in the Conservation Area and was a lovely tranquil little street in the heart of old Cadoxton village.

Peace and quiet should be restored as soon as possible and we will do everything in our power to make that happen as soon as possible.

Coun Anne Moore, Labour member for Cadoc Ward.

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GOULD TARGET! Gary set for SNAP Cymru charity run



GARY GOULD.

A local learning support assistant at Barry Island School is running the Cardiff World Half Marathon on Saturday, March 26, for SNAP Cymru.

Gary Gould, a father of four (32) explained: "It is a nationwide charity that helps children, young people and their family with disabilities."

"In the past I have worked with many children with both learning and physical disabilities and feel that SNAP is a great cause to run for."

And how is Gary's training going with just 16 days until the event? "I am currently

training hard, covering between five and 12 miles most days."

His fundraising is also under way.

"So far, I have raised £170 - mostly through family and friends, but have also been sponsored by local businesses, such as 'T Shirt Printing 4 U' on Holton Road and Ivor Stores on Barry Island."

Gary's target is £500, but he'll be delighted to overshoot it!

"I have the full support of all the staff of Barry Island Primary school where I volunteer, and have raised £110 from the school alone."

Gary's just giving page is at www.justgiving/garygould, should anyone wish

Centre car parking plans are dropped

COUNCIL plans to charge for car parking in Wyndham Street, Thompson Street and Kendrick Road, as well as in Cowbridge and Barry town centres appear to have been scrapped, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

In the most recent draft of the Vale Council's budget for the 2016/2017 financial year, the savings that were budgeted to come about as a result of introducing car parking charges have been excluded.

In a question to cabinet, Plaid Cymru's Coun Ian Johnson asked when a final decision would be confirmed and was told that a report would shortly be published.

Coun Johnson said: "Last July, the Vale Council cabinet passed plans to start charging for

parking in Barry town centre car-parks in Wyndham Street, Thompson Street and Kendrick Road, as well as in Cowbridge.

"I am pleased there now seems no intention of introducing charges this year, and I would hope that the soon-to-be published report will scrap the idea entirely."

"Unfortunately, Labour pushed this idea forward without consulting with local traders and shoppers, and focused entirely on their own budgets."

"The council is there to serve the needs of the community, and part of those needs are to support thriving town centres, not put them at risk."

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, responded: "The introduction of town

centre car parking charges had been proposed as one of the ways of finding the £18m of savings required over the next two years.

"However, during October and November 2015, senior managers and the cabinet members responsible for visible services and regeneration met local traders in Barry and Cowbridge to discuss the impact that the introduction of charges could have."

"Following this consultation, it is being reconsidered whether or not the introduction of car parking charges in Barry and Cowbridge town centres is the best way of maintaining the two towns' car parks."

"Maintaining car parks across the Vale costs the council around £350,000 each year. While it should be

stressed that no decision to implement car parking charges has ever been taken, we have listened to local traders and are now looking for alternative solutions to meeting this cost in future."

Glastonbarry festival is back

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

This year's event will feature 10 live tributes to Queen (by Flash); Michael Jackson (by James Aston with live band); Bob Marley (by Legend); The Rolling Stones (by The Rolling Clones); Bon Jovi (by Bon Giovi); Guns N' Roses (by Guns 2 Roses); the Arctic Monkeys (by Antarctic Monkeys); Kasabian (by Kasabian tribute band) as well as Ska tribute band '2 Rude' and The Vally Boys from London performing tributes to "the best bands in the world".

The event will be presented by BBC Radio Wales and S4C presenter Llinos Lee.

For more information, call 029 2023 0130 or visit www.glastonbarry.com.

Mayor's Award

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, is introducing a Mayor's Award for outstanding contributions to the community.

She is asking residents to nominate someone they consider is worthy of this award.

There will be two categories: adult and youth to include sports, arts, voluntary work or

any other contribution to the community.

Detailed nominations should be sent in writing to the Town Mayor, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA to be received no later than April 7. Successful nominees will be advised on April 22.

For further information, contact Julie Hurd, the Mayor's Secretary, on 01446 704921, or via email at juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

VALE'S MP AND COUNCIL CLASH AGAIN – this time over Jenner Park

by PHILIP IRWIN

FROM beach hut bans to 'stay out of our stadium' – the fractious relationship between Vale MP Alun Cairns and the Vale Council continued this week with a new twist.

Just a week after the Vale Council blocked a bid from Mr Cairns to hold a surgery in a beach hut for "commercial" reasons, he has now been 'banned' from advertising surgeries at Jenner Park stadium in Barry.

He wanted to place an advertising board at the stadium to promote his parliamentary surgeries at Jenner Park in Barry.

After being told he could not buy advertising space at the council-owned stadium,



ABOVE: The type of advert that Vale MP Alun Cairns wants to pay for in Jenner Park. Mr Bryant's banner is at Ton Pentre FC, in his Rhondda constituency.

Mr Cairns was quick off the mark with similar examples.

In other areas of Wales, for example – Chris Bryant MP, Glyn Davies MP, James Davies MP and Leighton Andrews AM, all place boards at the local football stadium and Mr Cairns has labelled the decision by the local authority as "bizarre and petty – but sadly

unsurprising". He has written to the Vale Council Leader, Coun Neil Moore, asking for an explanation over the decision.

Mr Cairns said: "I am deeply disappointed to see my bid to advertise my surgeries in a non-political way at the local football stadium has also been blocked."

"My simple aim is to reach all communities, and all age groups in Barry – I want my surgeries to be well-attended, so that I can help local constituents."

"A surgery is not political, the Vale Council should stop being so petty and let constituents have the opportunity to meet their local MP."

Coun Neil Moore, the Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, said: "The Vale Council does not allow political advertising of any sort at any of our leisure venues; this includes all of the county's leisure centres, as well as the Jenner Park stadium."

"This policy applies to all political groups, and any politician seeking to use council facilities to publicise their work would have received the same response," Coun Moore added.

All Saints children learn about courage

ON Friday, February 12 all the pupils, staff and families at All Saints' Primary School in Barry shared a wonderful day of 'courage'.

To celebrate 'courage' – the value for the half term, the whole school carried out a variety of exciting activities, a spokesperson reports.

During the day, the staff from St Margaret's Roman Catholic Primary School, Aberdare, also joined us and worked alongside our children.

In foundation phase our pupils worked with one other to overcome fears by completing a number of exciting challenges.

They discussed times when they had been brave and what it felt like.

They used courage to learn new skills and also wrote their own version of Daniel in the Lion's Den on the iPads!

In key stage 2, our pupils wrote about what courage meant to them.

They played games to help them think what to do in different situations where they needed to show courage.

They also used a variety of resources to find words to describe courage and showcased their findings by using different apps.

We had children using Lego to build occasions where they have shown courage but also examples from Bible where courage was needed.

One class even created their own programmable lions to move, roar and sleep to recreate the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

All classes designed a candle and wrote a prayer on them. These were shared at the end of the day, as the whole school made a giant candle in the playground to symbolise that Jesus is the light of the world, and with him in our lives we will never walk in darkness or face our fears alone.

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Flats get go-ahead at Beachcomber

SEVEN flats are likely to be built on the Beachcomber site at the Knap after a Vale planning committee gave it the go-ahead last week.

Over a number of months, local residents have voiced concerns over the scale and height of the proposed building.

Local resident Andrew Van Os emphasised he did not oppose development as such.

He told the committee: "I am not against the development of the Beachcomber site or the fact that the new owner intends to build flats - I live in a flat myself."

"The present proposal will not blend in with its surroundings. It should be of a scale and design that fits in well with the predominantly older housing stock."

Mr Van Os said the project had inadequate parking for a congested area, and that every flat needed two parking spaces designated.

Coun Nic Hodges spoke on behalf of another local resident who was unable to attend the meeting.

The resident argued that the Beachcomber should not be



The Beachcomber site.



ABOVE:

The view from the Beachcomber site across Watch Tower Bay.

demolished and the height of the new buildings - three storeys - is not modest, is overbearing, and will overlook the east garden of 18 Cold Knap Way.

Councillors gave the development the green light.

After the meeting Mr Van Os said he felt it was "a disgrace" it had been allowed.

He said two storeys would have been more acceptable, and that in an area popular with families, he was worried about road safety issues in the future.

Vale woman's voluntary work in Zanzibar

VALE teenager Temeka McCann is off to Zanzibar in April for three months with the Voluntary Services Overseas as part of her gap year programme.

Temeka (18) from Wenvoe, explained that having finished two years at St David's College last year, she hadn't felt ready to knuckle down to university straight away and decided instead to take a year out to work and travel.

Since last August, she has been working part-time at Bay5 coffee shop on Barry Island, and has travelled to Paris and Italy, and is now off to Zanzibar.

Temeka explained: "I love travelling and have been lucky enough to see places like Nigeria, America, St Kitts, Egypt and Thailand, but the furthest I've been on my own so far is London, so Zanzibar is going to be a real experience in many ways!"

Temeka needs to raise £800 for the charity to allow them to carry on the excellent work they do, and is getting plenty of help from family and friends.

Her uncle, Joe



Temeka McCann.

McCann is no stranger to fundraising for charity and said: "It was no surprise to the family to hear that Temeka has volunteered for this three month placement."

"She'll be amazing at it and I was really happy when she asked me if I could get together with my brother Dave and help her with fundraising ideas."

"Our other brother Stuart, is a chef and is cooking breakfast for our Mum's neighbours to raise money, so we're all involved. The whole family is right behind her and will support her in any way we can."

If anyone wants to donate to Temeka's Just Giving page they can find it at www.justgiving.com/Temeka-McCann/.

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The choir performing for Llantwit Major Pensioners' Club.

CHOIR ENTERTAINS ON WELSH SAINT'S DAY

ON February 24, Barry Community Choir entertained the residents of Bethel House in Dinas Powys.

It was the first time the choir had sung there, but with a very warm welcome and lovely comments, it certainly won't be the last time. Thanks to all who helped arrange the visit.

On March 1 - St David's Day - the choir were invited to sing at Llantwit Major for the Pensioners' Club. With a mixed English and Welsh repertoire (of course!) and songs ranging from sacred to pop, the choir were very enthusiastically welcomed and were invited back to sing later in the year.

If you'd like to sing with us and take part in our exciting plans for 2016, please don't hesitate to call - or turn up on any Wednesday from 7.30pm at Crossways Church Hall, Barry. You can also hire us - just call Sheila on 01446 748724 or Helen on 029 2053 1359. Follow us on Facebook - search for 'Barry Community Choir' - and we also have a web-site: www.barrycommunitychoir.com.

AM questions Port Road cycle lane

SOUTH Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies, has questioned the wisdom of the redesign of Port Road in Barry, an issue highlighted by readers in last week's GEM.

Mr Davies said: "The redevelopment and redesign of Port Road is taking a considerable amount of time and with the significant investment which has been made the most important question you have to ask will it be worth it?"

"As one reader pointed out last week, this new cycle lane will prove more of a hindrance than a benefit to local cyclists and with the disruption the project is currently causing for commuters you have to wonder if this substantial money could have been put to better use elsewhere."

Town Council praises St Helen's School for supporting Fairtrade



ABOVE: Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, presents two St Helen's pupils with their certificates and footballs.

ST HELEN'S RC Junior School receives certificates and Fairtrade footballs in recognition of their efforts in promoting Fairtrade.

As part of Barry Town Council's pledge to maintain Barry as a Fairtrade town, organisations and business owners are being encouraged to apply for the opportunity to be recognised for their support.

The Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, visited St Helen's Roman Catholic Junior School on Friday, February 26, when she had the pleasure of presenting the school with a certificate and a donation of Fairtrade footballs in recognition of their continued enthusiasm and efforts in

raising awareness of Fairtrade.

A spokeswoman said: "The Mayor was able to meet with students and had the honour of joining them in assembly where many of the children were recognised for their fantastic achievements both within and outside of school."

"The school has played a huge role in promoting Fairtrade and the children were thrilled to receive the footballs, which was echoed by the chorus of cheers when they were presented."

"If you would like to nominate yourself, or somebody else, to receive the certificate, please contact Barry Town Council (01446) 704920, or info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk to request an application form."

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WI plan for defibrillators at Dinas



FUNDRAISING to provide two defibrillators in Dinas Powys is well under way and a packed coffee morning saw crowds support the WI's campaign for the lifesaving medical aids.

In addition to the sale of cakes and tickets, generous donations were received.

The WI intend to place the defibrillators in

weather-proof cabinets in 24-hour accessible locations.

They have asked for ideas on suitable sites and are also seeking the services of a qualified electrician.

Chairman of Dinas Powys Community Council, Coun Hutton, said: "A great deal of work is going into fundraising and the community is responding magnificently."

Rotary Club celebrates St David's Day at Brynhill

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Barry and their guests celebrated the Welsh Saint's day in style, with a St David's Day breakfast at Brynhill Golf Club on the morning of March 1.

There were daffodils on every table to mark the occasion as president Paul Halstead welcomed everyone thanking them all for their support so early in the morning!

Rotarian Meirion Evans then said grace in Welsh and English, after which everyone enjoyed a full cooked Welsh breakfast prepared as expertly as ever by Brynhill Golf Club chef Gareth

and his staff.

President Paul then introduced guest speaker John Haskell.

John spoke about his feat of endurance when he and fellow firefighter Jamie Windsor rowed across the Atlantic – a distance of 3,000 miles – in 45 days from December 2011 to January 2012.

Everyone was enthralled as John talked about all the problems they endured, from massive crashing waves to endless freeze dried food (with lost ability to heat), golfball size salt sores, and the difficulty of simply going to the toilet!

It made people think how unreasonable they were simply to be moaning about the weather on a

wet morning in Wales!

Afterwards, president Paul gave a vote of thanks on behalf of Barry Rotarians and guests and proposed the final toast to the Rotary movement, locally, nationally and internationally.

Rotary has 1.2 million members (men and women) worldwide who form a global network of business, professional and community volunteers. The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook on Thursdays 6pm for 6.30pm.

If you would like further information, speak to club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or look online at www.rribi.org.

SEARCH FOR BARRY'S OLDEST CUB SCOUT...

BARRY Cub Scouts, who are celebrating 100 years of Scouting, are looking for Barry's oldest Cub!

Most of us remember seeing Cubs out and about during 'bob a job' week back when this was something that was done every year. With their green hats and jumpers, knee high socks with little green garters, grey shorts and their neckties, they were kind of hard to miss.

While the uniform has changed somewhat since then and 'bob a job' is no more, the passion for Scouting that the Cubs and their Leaders have remains.

Most of us know that Lord Baden Powell founded the Scout Movement in 1908, but it was not until 1914, the same year that the Great War started, did he set up an experimental youth sections for the younger brothers of the Scouts. In December 1916, the Wolf Cubs were officially 'born'.

By the first census in 1917, there was already a staggering 1,338 Wolf Cub packs and 29,857 Cubs, not to mention a whole host of Leaders. Over the years, Cubs



Lord Baden Powell with Scouts in the 1920s.

have changed quite considerably. 1966 saw the Wolf Cubs become the Cub Scouts and in 1991, 75 years after Cubs first started, girls were officially allowed to join. Today there are almost 8,000 Cub Scout packs with over 153,000 girls and boys in the UK alone.

At a recent Barry District 'Sixer and Seconder Forum', it was decided to find the oldest Cub still living in Barry today.

Chris Parsons, Barry's District Commissioner said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls and boys in Cubs today to learn about what Cubs was like when the section first started."

"Our Cubs are an amazing bunch of young people. They turn out in all weather to go boating, take part in annual parades, such as Remembrance or to stand outside a supermarket for hours

on end to fundraise.

"I'm immensely proud of them, and the volunteers and Leaders without whom none of this could take place."

Perhaps your father, uncle, grandfather or even great grandfather was a Cub and they still live in Barry?

If so, please have them get in touch with us. We would like to invite some of our oldest former members to join us in celebrating our 100 years and the Cubs would love to hear about their time in Wolf Cubs.

Contact either Bryan Foley, Group Scout Leader for 11th Barry Sea Scout Group at GSL@11thbarryscoouts.org.uk or Barry's District Commissioner Chris Parsons at chris.parsons@catvog.org.

There are thousands of children in the UK waiting to start their Scouting adventure and the only thing holding them back is the need for more adult volunteers. As a Leader or volunteer, there is no better feeling than when you see a young person achieve something they never thought they could.

NEIL MURRAY,
Assistant Cub Leader,
11th Barry Sea Scout group

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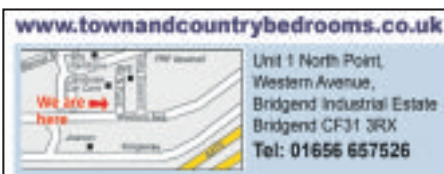
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TVR is not joining Aston Martin in Vale

ST ATHAN will not be the location for a second top car maker, following Aston Martin's decision two weeks ago to set up a base in Wales.

Auto Express magazine had tipped TVR to follow in Aston Martin's tread marks, and start a new production line in the Vale, pointing out the potential for cooperation between the two manufacturers.

Last week there had been hopes that the Vale might be able to boast a second car manufacturing coup.

But local MP Alun Cairns revealed that he had been in touch with TVR and they wouldn't be coming to the Vale.

Mr Cairns explained: "I have

spoken with senior management from TVR about the possibility of locating in the Vale.

"I can confirm that they are looking at other areas in Wales, but I am having discussions with a number of companies now taking a second look at the Vale following the Aston Martin announcement.

"Other major companies like Renishaw and Dow Corning are very important for the local economy.

"One of the most exciting prospects following the Aston Martin announcement is that start up companies will be encouraged to develop projects across a variety of industries in St Athan and further afield."

Voyage of a lifetime

YOUNG Barry residents are in with another chance of winning a life-changing sailing experience.

Barry Town Council, in association with the Tall Ships Trust, have launched the Barry Marine Youth Award for 2016 which will involve an all-expenses paid voyage, in UK waters, sailing as a member of the crew aboard the tall ship *Stavros S Niarchos*, or one of their other vessels subject to availability.

The award, available to Barry residents aged from 12 to 25 years, offers the opportunity to make new friends, enjoy new and unique challenges and sail aboard a magnificent ocean-going square-rigged tall ship.

A competition spokesman said: "Applicants need to apply in writing telling us why they should be considered for this experience; or if

you are a parent, guardian, teacher, youth leader or a member of the public who know of such a young person who might benefit from such an opportunity, then nominate them telling us why they deserve this chance."

Applications are welcome in English or Welsh. The deadline for applications is Saturday, March 20 2016 and winners will be selected by April 2.

Further details can be obtained from Barry Town Council on 01446 738663 or by emailing info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk; or check out the Tall Ships Youth Trust on Facebook, or their website.

Nominations should be e-mailed to the above address putting Tall Ships Competition in the subject bar or send it to Barry Town Council/Tall Ships Competition, Council Offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

LANGUAGE STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT SPECIAL BREAKFAST

ON February 9, the languages department at Barry Comprehensive School celebrated the progress made by students in French and Welsh.

Students from years 7 to 11 were invited to join their language teachers for a special 'breakfast' in room 201 during break time, where they feasted on a range of foods, such as pain au chocolats, crêpes and brioche. They also received departmental certificates for effort and achievement.

It was a great opportunity for students and their teachers to interact and demonstrate their language skills in an informal setting. Congratulations to all the students involved!

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Students enjoying the languages department's 'Celebrating Success' breakfast.



Men's Forum learns history of Docks

THE Barry Men's Forum chairman welcomed new member Mr Briley, before Philip Walters spoke on the history of Barry Docks at the recent meeting.

The talk which was illustrated with photographs from 1880 showed Barry Island, when it was still an island until the present day.

His story commenced with Lord Windsor buying Barry Island, with the intention of building large residences, but this was reliant upon the railway line from Cadroxton being extended. However

Parliamentary approval was not given. He was also planning a new dock in Grangetown, but this too was not approved.

At the same time, David Davies was backing a development at Ogmore. This also failed.

With the Marquis of Bute proceeding with Roath dock at Cardiff, the trustees announced that a levy of half a penny was to be put on every ton of coal in their sidings plus a further halfpenny on each ton of coal shipped from Cardiff. Hence the saying, 'Barry Docks was built for a penny', was coined.

The two men then backed the Second Barry

Docks Bill, which received royal assent in July 1884. In September, the Barry Docks Railway Company was formed and the first sod cut in November.

Bill Cheeseman, a forum member, had brought along an original commemorative medal

struck to celebrate the event, which the speaker and others were thrilled to see.

The next meeting is on March 17, when Mr Brian Davies will be talking about the early days of a coal trade to France from south Wales.

New members are welcome, at £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments and starts at 10.15am. The Forum meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, every Thursday morning.

For further information, telephone 02920 594881. PMW

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for the Castleland Ward will hold their regular advice surgery on Saturday, March 12 from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry. No appointment is necessary.

Poetry in Penarth

PENARTH resident Professor Stephen Payne will read from his recent poetry collection Pattern Beyond Chance tomorrow evening (Friday, March 11) at Waterloo Tea, Stanwell Road, Penarth. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start, and tickets are £5 including hors d'oeuvres and £5 off Stephen's book.

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Business crime is on a PACT agenda



BUSINESS crime was on the agenda when Jane Hutt AM convened a meeting to bring together Business PACT,

South Wales Police and Vale Council to take forward a new phase in their crime prevention partnership.

Business PACT (preventing anti-social crime together), the Vale's business crime reduction partnership, involves businesses working with the community to reduce all forms of business crime and crime that affects the community. It is run by businesses for businesses and is assisted by the Police and other local agencies.

The AM explained: "Business PACT is led by dedicated volunteers Dave Sharpe and Sarah O'Kelly to prevent and tackle crime in Barry businesses."

"A new phase will be launched in coming weeks to strengthen the partnership with the police and the Vale Council, following the very positive meeting."

ABOVE:
Pictured with Jane Hutt are Dave Sharpe, chair Business PACT; Sarah O'Kelly, secretary Business PACT; Inspector Rob Miles, Vale of Glamorgan Police; Richard Heads, Apex and Tony Curtis, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Volunteers help instal a new Kissing Gate



The new gate and the installation team.

VALEWAYS volunteers are out clearing footpaths of vegetation, trees and litter, twice a week, but were keen to learn more skills.

Recently, Valeways volunteer coordinator, Rebecca Exley, arranged to

meet the council's public rights of way team on site to install a new kissing gate.

Valeways have now been asked to help install more new galvanised gates that have a longer life expectancy than wooden stiles.

Lottery's £643,000 for local groups

FIGURES released last week show that £643,000 of National Lottery funding was awarded across Bridgend and the Vale last year.

A total of 75 Lottery grants were given out in the area during 2015, towards arts, sports and heritage projects alongside community groups helping people in need.

These included: £1,084 to Dinas Powys

Cricket Club Junior Section for equipment and coach education; £3,775 to Mediation Cymru Cyfryngu to offer mediation training to young people in schools; £5,000 to Barry Arts Festival; and a week-long celebration of the arts; and £5,000 to the 10th Barry Guides Company to install an accessible toilet and improve disabled access to the hall, with ramp and door widening.

Roadworks report for Vale

Roadworks: Junction 34 Miskin Interchange. A4050 Port Road, from junction with Culverhouse Cross to its junction with Nant Isaf, Wenvoe.

Temporary traffic control: Nash Manor to Pentre Meyrick and B4265 Ewenny to Floodgate roundabout, Llantwit Major. A4055 Harbour Road, Barry (the Causeway). A4055 Harbour Road, Barry (bottom of Ship Hill).

Ruthin Road, St Mary Hill. Paget Road, Barry Island at its junction with Clive Road and Plymouth Road. St Brides Road, Wick (adjacent to the new development). Broad Street, Barry.

Road closure: Solent Road, Barry. Glen Mavis Way, Barry. Clive Road, Barry Island at the junction with the access road to Barry Island overflow car park.

VALE GROUP HELPS 'ISOLATED' PEOPLE

THE Vale Friendship Group wants to increase its member base and is appealing for the local community to help.

A police spokesman said: "The initiative was launched in November 2015, by Sergeant Mark John at the Bethal Baptist Church, with help from PCSOs Serena James and crime reduction advisor Deborah Elward, with the aim of identifying vulnerable or isolated people and finding support."

"It has a growing membership list but the aim is to ensure that as many people as possible benefit from what the group offers."

"The group meets at least once a

month and gives members the chance to meet and speak to people from organisations such as Age Connects Wales, Age Cymru, the Over 50 Forum, and Wiltshire Farm Foods.

"Often without relatives living nearby or without a close social network, these individuals are more likely to be targeted and become victims of certain crimes, and figures show Llantwit Major as having higher proportion of rogue trader reports and scam attempts."

"Anyone who knows somebody who could benefit can call PCSO Serena James on 07805 301370 or Sergeant Mark John on 07584 003886."

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Diane Day from Barry receives her 'best Welsh hat' prize from Deputy Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, with consort, Mrs Jayne Norman and Jane Hutt AM looking on

ST David's Day was celebrated in style when supporters of Vale for Africa held their 'Twmpath for classrooms' event at Rosedew Farm, Llantwit Major.

Over 80 people danced the evening away accompanied by well-known local ceilidh band the Thingumijigs. The event was a great success and raised over £1,000 for the construction of a classroom in Pomede, Uganda.

Event organiser Sian Tesni commented: "We're really delighted. The turnout has been



excellent and everyone's had a great time. We're truly thankful to all those people that have kindly contributed both their time and gifts. Most especially we're grateful to our supporters who

have given so generously for such a worthy cause."

Vale for Africa works with its sister organisation TOCIDA in the Tororo district of Uganda to improve healthcare, education and library services through local fundraising and direct support for projects.

Active supporter and former Chair of the organisation, Ted Arbutnot explained, "The classroom block in Pomede is well under way, but it was in need of a financial boost to move towards completion. I'm certain that with what we've raised tonight we can complete the task".

Aside from the dancing, those present

were treated to a traditional Welsh cawl, Welsh cakes, local Welsh cheese and biscuits. There was also a bottle of champagne prize for the best Welsh hat and a range of raffle prizes generously donated by Vale for Africa supporters and local sponsors including: Cardiff and Vale College, Farmer's Pantry Butcher Shop, local restaurants Il Vesuvio and Illtud's 216.

The new Chair of Vale for Africa said: "This has been a great team effort and great fun too. I wouldn't be surprised if we make it an annual event. I would like to thank in particular the efforts of the three students from Atlantic

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Denise Doyle enjoys a quiet stroll along the promenade with sighted guide Irene Davies.

she needs a sighted guide. A female volunteer who shares her Christian beliefs would be ideal.

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Steve Kersley, of Guide Dogs Cymru, said: "Volunteers say they get great satisfaction from helping a visually impaired person to become more mobile, and they learn new skills that they can apply in daily life. These transfer well to the workplace, and the qualifications can be added to a CV."

Would-be volunteers must be over 18. You can find out more by visiting GuideDogs.org.uk in the foyer of Bridgend Recreation Centre on Wednesday March 9 between 11am-3pm. Alternatively, ring 07785 907 728 or email Steve.Kersley@guidedog.org.uk.

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'Local MP failing to 'mirror' constituents' views on the EU'

- CLAIMS VALE COUNCILLOR

A VALE councillor has said local MP Alun Cairns is failing "to mirror" his constituents' views by deciding to vote to remain in the European Union.

Coun Kevin Mahoney said Mr Cairns had previously expressed Euroscepticism, but his voting record in Westminster contradicted that view.

Mr Cairns told The GEM that giving people a say on EU membership was a manifesto pledge which the Conservatives had delivered, and that although he had reservations about EU

bureaucracy his over-riding concern was the uncertainty Brexit would cause the UK economy.

Coun Mahoney, who was UKIP's candidate in last year's general election but left the party when there were plans to bring in candidates from outside Wales for the Assembly elections, said: "Alun must be disappointed to learn of the recent national report indicating that the Vale is in the top section of European Union sceptical constituencies in the UK following on from UKIP coming top in the Vale at the most recent EU elections."

"It's disappointing that he appears to be failing to mirror

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his constituents' views on such an important matter and perhaps we can now see an end to his previous pretence to being an arch European Union sceptic given his now wholehearted support for a Remain vote."

Mr Mahoney added: "My opposition to the European Union doesn't really need to go any further than the sheer undemocratic fact that we don't vote in the European bureaucrats who are now making an estimated 70 per cent of laws that govern our lives and we can't vote them out either."

"Many people are unaware that the only democratically elected part of the European Union, the Parliament, is unable to propose or create any legislation whatsoever, it is all generated by unelected European Union officials."

"Only an economic illiterate could claim that getting just half your yearly contributions to an institution back and then being told that it is 'a grant' is a good deal! "I'm more than prepared to personally give Alun Cairns and David Cameron as many personal financial grants as they wish as long as they first give me double the money that they require back. I'm fairly confident that they

won't be taking advantage of my offer!"

Mr Cairns explained: "In the 2015 General Election I stood on a manifesto commitment to deliver a referendum on EU membership, we have delivered on that promise. Voters in the Vale and across the United Kingdom will have the opportunity to make their decision on June 23rd 2016."

He added: "I am no fan of the European Union and the bureaucracy it imposes. After careful consideration however, I have decided to vote to remain as I believe an exit would lead to uncertainty at a critical time for our economy."

CHARITY'S CALL

THE Music in Hospitals charity is calling on the public to help it win a £50,000 Lottery windfall.

It has taken live music into hundreds of care homes, hospices and hospitals across Wales to "bring the joy of live music to individuals who would not otherwise have access to it outside of a concert hall."

Recent concerts in the area have included visits to Milsom House Care Home and Ty Dewi Sant Residential Home in Barry, Llandow Hospital, College Fields Nursing Home in Penarth, and the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Residential Home in Porthcawl.

A spokesman explained: "This

work has led to us being selected by the National Lottery to tell our story to thousands of people across Wales via a short film (that was broadcast on ITV Wales last Friday). We also have the chance to win a £50,000 prize to enable us to reach even more concerts for care home residents in mid Wales."

The public can vote for their preferred project to win in Wales, either online or by post by midday on Sunday, March 13.

To vote for the Music in Care Homes project to win £50,000, visit: www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/project/s/view/music-and-memories. Watch our ITV appeal here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=eee70kP62DU.

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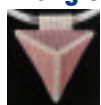
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Hail, Caesar – and all hail the Coen brothers!

GEORGE CLOONEY must either love the Coen brothers, or they have some information on him he's dying for them to keep quiet.

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Hollywood's most suave and dashing leading men be so happy playing bumbling idiots for the siblings?

Having notched a hat-trick with *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, *Burn After Reading* and *Intolerable Cruelty*, Clooney re-teams with

the Coens for *Hail, Caesar*. Clooney plays leading man Baird Whitlock, whose kidnapping from a film set is one of many headaches studio head Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin) is having.

Coupled with Whitlock's disappearance, Eddie has to handle a director (Ralph Fiennes) struggling to deal with a new star (Alden Ehrenreich), a starlet with a baby problem (Scarlett Johansson) and twin sister gossip columnists desperate for the scoop (Tilda Swinton) amongst other things, all the while pondering a change of career...

Hail, Caesar is a film that could only be made by the Coen brothers. Amid the multitude of connections and echoes of their previous films, there is that woody sense of some semblance of a story unfolding at its own relaxed, leisurely pace.

This isn't everybody's cup of tea, of course; for all the

mainstream attention *No Country For Old Men* garnered several years ago, the Coens aren't filmmakers who bend their will to suit an audience, much rather tell the stories they want to tell in the knowledge their fan-base will welcome their latest offering.

Their penchant for self-referencing continues here; not only are there hints of *Barton Fink* in terms of the way they take on Hollywood of the late 1930s/early 1940s, but there are also nods to *The Big Lebowski* in not one, but two beautifully-executed song and dance numbers, while the character of Eddie Mannix is a collection of previous Coen lead characters.

Much like their funnier, less-dramatic works, *Hail, Caesar* shares a woolly story where not an awful lot happens, but what does happen keeps you engrossed and entertained. When the characters don't hit home, you get the likes



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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of *Burn After Reading*, when they do, you get *The Big Lebowski* – and this is far closer to the latter than the former.

Whether it's Ralph Fiennes' hilarious director, Alden Ehrenreich's scene-stealing cowboy-turned-leading man, Channing Tatum's dancing and prancing Burt Gurney, Tilda Swinton playing twin journalists, Scarlett Johansson's bawlsy aquatic star, or even the smaller turns from the likes of Jonah Hill and Frances McDormand, the characters, and performances, are all hugely entertaining.

The brightest light shines on Brolin and Clooney – and the former is more than up to the task, a man with the weight of the world on his shoulders and yet who manages to stay just above it all, despite the pressures. Brolin showing just the faintest hint of vulnerability behind Mannix's hard outer shell.

Meanwhile, Clooney's character is another Coens' idiot who can't quite keep up with what's going on, always just behind the beat. It's a character Clooney has perfected playing for them, but here Whitlock isn't quite as memorable as his other creations.

Dripping with a glamorous sheen redolent of the period, the brothers (along with director of photography Roger Deakins) make it a wonderfully visual film, both in the likes of the aforementioned song and dance numbers (Channing Tatum is surely months away from a *Guys and Dolls* remake) but also in their recreation of biblical epics such as the *Hail, Caesar* of the title and schmaltzy Westerns starring Ehrenreich's cowboy.

Whether such a loosely-hung story will do anything to persuade any not versed in the Coens' universe to jump in remains to be seen, and those who are immune to their charms will find little appeal here; however, for the rest of us there's plenty to savour in this delicious, none-more-Coen outing – *Hail, Caesar* indeed!

VERDICT: A shaggy-dog story that makes for a thoroughly

entertaining film, *Hail, Caesar* is atypically Coen – and all the better for it. With a number of wonderful turns, its woody charm won't convince naysayers, but those who can't get enough of the Coens and their twisted world view will find plenty to savour. **Highly recommended.**

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First solo exhibition by young artist

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Now aged 28, Peter Kettle, whose parents live in Llyswoyney and whose father, after a

long career as a school chaplain and teacher, now takes charge of the parishes of Colwynston, Llandow and Llyswoyney – first started painting at the age of 17 and became a full-time artist in 2014.

He established his first studio at his parents' home at Moat Farm, Llyswoyney in a disused milking shed. For subjects in his current exhibition he followed the River Taff from Cardiff to the Brecon Beacons and drew on the landscapes of the industrial past.

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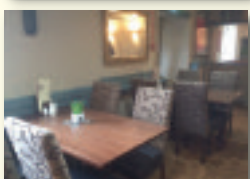
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2016 Vale Festival of Music programme is announced

DETAILS have been announced of the 2016 programme for the Vale of Glamorgan Festival of Music which will take place from May 10 – 20.

Founded by composer John Metcalf (MBE) the festival continues to hold a unique place in the UK, being the only celebration of its kind devoted to performing the work of living classical music composers.

Over ten days, music by 22 living composers from across the world will be showcased by an exceptional lineup of home grown and international artists.

The 2016 programme will include specific profiles of the work of three major composers, who this year celebrate landmark birthdays:

American composer Steve Reich, described as

one of only a handful of composers who can claim to have altered the path of musical history, celebrates his 80th birthday.

Renowned for his powerfully evocative works, Latvian Pēteris Vasks will be 70 this year. His richly expressive output is deeply rooted in Latvia's folk tradition.

The festival's artistic director, John Metcalf celebrates his 70th birthday. His most recent opera *Under Milk Wood* (2014) met with great critical acclaim and was shortlisted for both a Royal Philharmonic Society award and International Opera award.

Many of the composers whose work is featured will be attending the festival, including Pēteris Vasks whose new viola concerto will be performed by Maxim Rysanov and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales on Friday, May 20.

Royal Welsh College of Music graduate, Mark David Boden, will have two works premiered: *Ghlyll*, a piece for orchestra inspired by Mark's walks in the Lake District (BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Thursday, May 12) and a string quartet, *Forgotten Time* which will be performed from iPads by the Belgium-based Quatuor Tana.

Other international visitors include the world renowned Latvian Radio Choir who open the festival

at St Augustine's Church, Penarth on Tuesday, May 10.

Denmark's Ensemble MidtVest mark artistic director John Metcalf's 70th year in a concert featuring a range of his chamber works at All Saints' Church on Wednesday, May 18.

From Canada, violinist Pamela Attariwala and tabla player Shawn Matiwetsky bring their unique blend of Western and Indian musical traditions to the Dance House at Wales Millennium Centre on Thursday, May 19.

This year's festival includes a number of players who will be well known to south Wales audiences.

Cellist Alice Neary and Robert Court (organ) join the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and singers from BBC National Chorus of Wales for John Metcalf's Cello Symphony on Friday, May 20.

Alice will also be appearing alongside viola player Matthew Jones in a concert of 'Music and Silence' at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major (Wednesday, May 11) which includes an exploration of meditation techniques and mindfulness as they affect the process of listening to music.

Robert will be very much on home territory when he performs organ works by Pēteris Vasks at a lunchtime concert at St Augustine's Church, Penarth on Wednesday, May 18.

Violinist Madeleine Mitchell makes a welcome return to the festival as soloist for Guto Puw's violin concerto with BBC National Orchestra of Wales (Thursday, May 12).

The festival presents concerts at venues across the Vale and Cardiff, each chosen for their setting and atmosphere.

Events will be taking place in Penarth's All Saints' Church, St Augustine's Church and Penarth Pier Pavilion, Ewenny Priory Church, St Illtud's Church (Llantwit Major) and BBC Hoddinott Hall in Cardiff Bay.

Two new venues this year are BayArt Gallery (Cardiff Bay) and the Blue Room at the Dance House within the Wales Millennium Centre.

The latter is a fitting venue for the concert by Pamela Attariwala who incorporates into her performances movements specially developed by a specialist Bharata Natyam, choreographer, which allows her to dance and play simultaneously.

Supplementing the main concerts are a range of pre-concert talks with performers and composers offering further insight and context to the works being featured.

Full details of this year's programme can be found on the festival's website: www.valeofglamorganfestival.org.uk.

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'Wales is wonderful' says Brazilian prizewinner

THE winner of a competition to promote studying English has travelled all the way from Brazil to the Bay to study at Cardiff and Vale College.

Karol Cavalcante was one winner among millions of potential competitors of the English is Great competition in her native Brazil. Winners win short scholarships at English language centres across the UK.

"I'm a musician so I made a video in which I sang and explained why I should be able to come here and what English means to me," Karol explained.

"It was very exciting and it's very exciting to be here – it's my first time outside of Brazil."

Karol spent a week in an English for International Students (EIS) course at CAVC's City Centre Campus on Dumballs Road, then a week in another school in west Wales, before travelling to Llangollen as part of her prize.

"My classmates here at Cardiff and Vale College are for the most part Spanish and it's interesting to listen to the different accents," Karol said. "It is a challenge for me but when they heard I was from Brazil, they all wanted to know so much about my country and

culture and they are very kind."

During her stay, Karol has been staying with a local family: "My host father is from India and my host mother is French, so I have been having contact with a lot of other cultures while I am here," she said. "It's wonderful to find out about other parts of the world here in Cardiff."

"Wales is wonderful. Everything is wonderful; every place I have visited has been amazing. I love Wales – I even love the weather."



Karol Cavalcante

First woman head at Cathedral School

Mrs Clare Sherwood, new headmistress.

CATHEDRAL School in Llandaff, Cardiff has appointed its first woman Head, Mrs Clare Sherwood, since it was founded in 1880.

Current headmaster Stephen Morris will become principal of St Edward's College, Liverpool in September, after eight years at Llandaff.

Currently deputy head (academic) at Blundell's School, Devon, Mrs Sherwood was educated at Hereford Cathedral School, and progressed from there to read history at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where she held a choral scholarship, captained her college teams in netball and ladies' cricket, and played ladies' football and rugby.

She trained as a history teacher at Bristol University, and is a serving school inspector with the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Mrs Sherwood is married to Simon, a fellow teacher and musician; the couple have three children: two sons (ages 12 and six) and a daughter (aged nine).



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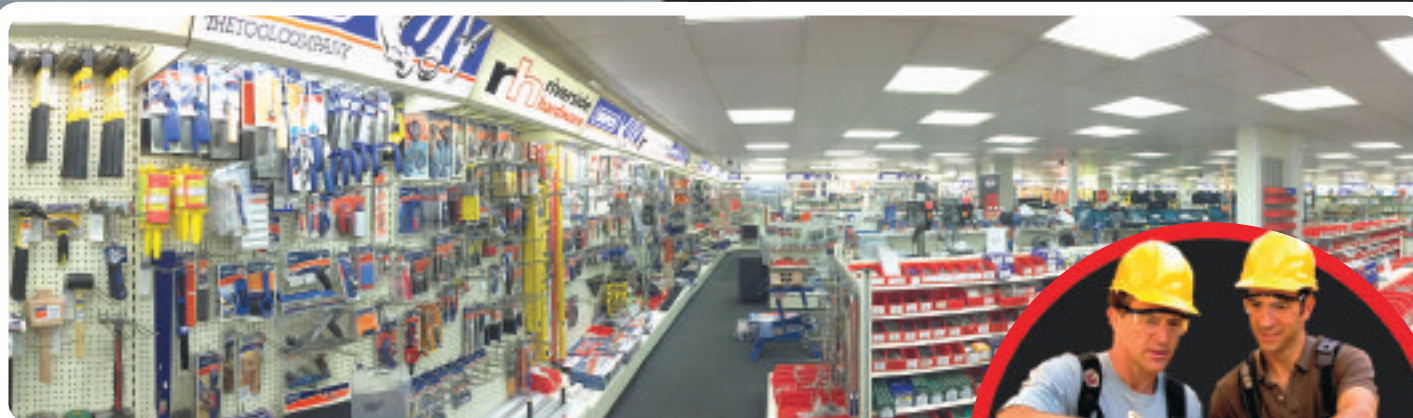
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'Farming businesses vital to rural economy' – SAYS NFU CHAIRPERSON

THE chair of the Glamorgan National Farmers' Union (NFU), Abi Reader, is planning a campaign in the

near future to highlight the importance of farming to the general economy in rural areas.

Among the events that

are planned is a repeat of a successful experiment last year when local farmers headed off to London to spend time at an urban primary school – an event that attracted a great deal of

attention.

The idea, of course, was to let city dwelling children get a better idea of where their food comes from.

She will also be one of many farmers supporting Open Farms Sunday. This year the date is set for Sunday, June 5.

At the moment, however, she is planning an event at her own farm, where the farming community will gather to demonstrate just how vital agriculture in Wales is for the rural economy.

Abi told The GEM: "Government figures predict average Welsh

farm income will decline by 16 per cent for the year to March 2016, which is bad news for farms.

"It is also very bad news for the businesses we deal with regularly. Farmers support a wide and diverse range of rural businesses, which in turn provide work and opportunities for local people."

To make this point Abi has invited a large number of businesses her farm deals with regularly – there are 50 of them – to come to the farm as a sign of solidarity to show how much they rely on each

other. She said: "These businesses will be either local or national but with local representatives. I have also invited politicians to come along and see this message being given first hand."

"I have people we have dealt with for years willing to tell their story about how they are also struggling as a result of this farm income crisis."

"They rely on farmers for their business and are having to deal with long term customers who suddenly can't pay their bills. They in turn are struggling to pay their own bills and staff."

She continued: "I am also going to highlight farmers' importance to the wider society by inviting past and present farming and veterinary students to the farm to show how they have benefited from training here."

"I cannot highlight enough how important I think this story is, and I want GEM readers to know about it."

"Farming is the cornerstone of the rural economy and when we struggle, so do other businesses. Their voice deserves to be heard."

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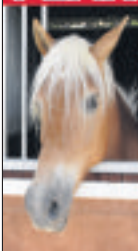
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NEW MICROCHIPPING LAWS SET TO START IN THE NEXT MONTH

VETS have launched a campaign to help dog owners understand and comply with a new law regarding dog ownership.

In just one month, from Wednesday, April 6, all dogs aged eight weeks and over in the UK will be legally required to have a microchip.

Statistics show approximately 1.8 million dogs still do not have a microchip in the UK, but 80 per cent of the pet dog population does currently comply with the new law.

To help dog owners check if their dog has a microchip, vets are increasing awareness of the new law and

helping owners understand more about the legal requirements.

Dr Huw Stacey, director of clinical services at Vets4Pets, said: "In just a few weeks' time, tens of thousands of dog owners could be breaking the law and facing a fine of up to £500."

"But pet owners shouldn't worry about microchipping their pet."

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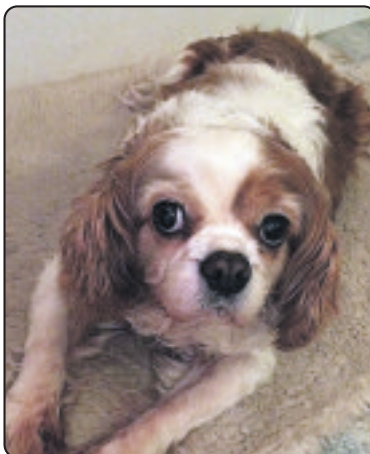


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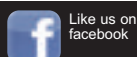
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Care leader says 'new spirit of partnership' needed as he welcomes positive Well-being Act

by GEM REPORTER

A social care leader believes there are outdated attitudes towards private companies providing services for vulnerable people.

According to Mario Kreft, the Chair of Care Forum Wales, which includes 500 independent care organisations, outdated attitudes are blighting the sector at a time when the need for collaboration and partnership has never been greater.

He is due to raise the issue at a meeting of the Five Nations group today, March 10, which represents social care

providers from the four home countries and Eire.

Among those attending the conference at St David's Hotel in Cardiff will be the Welsh Health Minister, Prof Mark Drakeford, and the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira.

Mr Kreft said: "Unfortunately, there is a significant degree of unfair institutional prejudice against the independent sector here in Wales and elsewhere in the UK and Ireland.

"There are still many people who appear to resent the fact that independent providers need to be financially

viable to stay in business and provide high quality services. I was talking to a nurse recently who left the NHS and joined a very reputable private sector organisation and already she feels her former colleagues are treating her as if she had gone to work for a second class organisation.

"It is just intolerable that people working in social care and providing such important services are not better valued.

"We really should learn from the no-blame culture of the aviation industry, where people truly work in partnership to make sure planes

don't fall out of the sky.

"We need a new spirit of partnership so the independent sector can work with the NHS, local authorities and other partners to get things fixed."

Mr Kreft said he had some optimism for the future.

"The Social Services and Well-being Act which comes into force on April 6, is a positive development in Wales and provides a glimmer of hope that the corrosive prejudice against the independent sector that pervades social care can be overcome - so that we can build relationships and support best practice within the sector."

PUPILS CELEBRATE ALL THINGS WELSH ON SAINT DAVID'S DAY!



A CELEBRATION of all things Welsh was in full force at Gladstone Primary School on St David's Day, March 1.

The playground was a sea of red as children and staff dressed up in Welsh costumes, Welsh rugby shirts and anything else red. The home task this year was to design and make a Welsh dragon and the school has been inundated with the most spectacular dragons which are proudly on display in both school halls.

In the afternoon, it was time for the traditional eisteddfod, where the children celebrated with

singing, Welsh folk dancing and listening to the school musicians. Winners of art, handwriting and poetry competitions for each year group were also announced.

The eisteddfod ended with the Charing of the year-6 Bard, Maia Sullivan, followed by the Welsh national anthem.

"The sense of pride on St David's Day at Gladstone is amazing. Thank you to all children and staff who made the day such a pleasure and to the children who put so much time and effort into their home tasks and eisteddfod competition entries," reported Helen Reilly, the deputy headteacher.



Vale of Glamorgan roadworks report

Work at Junction 34 Miskin interchange; A4050 Port Road, from junction with Culverhouse Cross to its junction with Nant Isaf, Wenvoe.

Temporary traffic control: Nash Manor to Pentre Meyrick and B4265 Ewenny to Floodgate roundabout, Llantwit Major; Ruthin Road, Ruthin; A4055 Harbour Road, Barry (the Causeway); A4055 Harbour Road (bottom of Ship Hill); Paget Road, Barry Island at its junction with Clive Road and Plymouth Road; Mill Road junction Turnpike Close, Dinas Powys; St Brides Road, Wick (adjacent to the new development).

Road closure: Clive Road, Barry Island at the junction with the access road to Barry Island overflow car park; Solent Road, Barry.

Penarth Local History Society

A TALK entitled 'What the Postman Saw' will be presented by David Salter at 7.30pm on Thursday, March 10 at the All Saints' Church Lesser Hall, Penarth. New members are always welcome.

On Monday, March 14 a recital by Kathryn Rees Peak (harp) and Rebecca Warner (cello) will take place between 1pm - 2pm. Free entry; bring your own lunch! Tea/coffee provided.

Marie Curie breakfast

A MARIE Curie breakfast is taking place at St Andrew's Major Golf Club this Friday, March 11, from 8.30am until 2pm.

All proceeds will go to the charity. Everyone welcome, full breakfast - 'eat as much as you want' for £4.50.

Freephone number leads to Samaritans' call increase

THE number of people calling the Samaritans' helpline has risen by 15 per cent since the charity launched its free helpline number, 116 123, in September 2015.

This means around 5,000 more people are calling the helpline every month.

The organisation is launching awareness-raising campaigns in 10 pilot areas across the UK, with radio and poster advertising, particularly targeting people in the lowest socio-economic groups, who can be at a high risk of suicide. The two pilot areas in Wales are Cardiff and Neath Port Talbot.

The executive director for Wales, Sarah Stone, said: "We are delighted that more people are now able to contact us, at any time, every day of the year, for whatever they are struggling with, without having to pay call charges.

"We want to encourage more people to call us if they are going through a difficult time. Our volunteers are experts in listening and can help you talk through your concerns, worries and troubles.

You don't have to be suicidal to call us.

"Samaritans campaigned long and hard to make the helpline number free to callers. The subsequent increase in callers underlines the fact that some people found the cost of calls a barrier to accessing our service when they need us most.

"Our new campaign is about making sure that as many people as possible are aware that they can now call us for free, from any phone."

The Big Lottery Fund supported the launch of Samaritans' free helpline service and is providing funding for the new awareness-raising campaign in Neath Port Talbot and Cardiff.

Last year, Samaritans' 21,000 volunteers responded to 5.3 million calls for help, by phone, email, text and face-to-face.

Sarah Stone added: "Everyone has moments in their life where they struggle to cope and for some this can lead to feeling hopeless and losing sight of being able to work through their problems.

"We know that talking can really help people to see a way through and we would encourage anyone who is struggling to call Samaritans."

Young Farmers go head-to-head

JUNIOR members of Glamorgan Young Farmers' Club went head-to-head on Saturday, February 27 at Neath Conservative Club for the coveted title of Junior Member of the Year.

Competitors aged between 10 and 17 had to submit CV and personal statement, then give a presentation based on their experience gained in the last 12 months and answer questions.

There were five competitors representing three of the county's seven clubs. The high standard led to a strong contest for first place.

Judge Delme Harris, from Pembrokeshire, said: "It's great to see that Glamorgan has a wealth of young and enthusiastic members. Based on the high standard of competition I saw today, these youngsters each have a bright future in front of them."

The Glamorgan YFC Junior Member title went to Rhian Hutchings (16) from Neath YFC, closely followed by Bridgend YFC members Nick Rees in second place



Glamorgan YFC Junior Member of the Year, Rhian Hutchings, Neath YFC.

and Beth Granville in third.

Rhian will now go on to represent the county at the Wales YFC Junior Member competition in Wrexham in March.

For more information on Glamorgan YFC contact county organiser, Gwyneth Thomas, by e-mail glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk or telephone 07779 331839.

You can also visit www.glamorganyfc.co.uk and follow @GlamorganYFC on twitter or like the 'GlamorganYFC' page on Facebook for regular updates.



GET YOUR GREENHOUSE READY FOR THE GROWING SEASONS...

MAKE the most of the first sunny day to give your greenhouse a good clean if you plan to start sowing seeds soon.

A clean greenhouse means plants will be less vulnerable to pests and diseases and, if you zap them now, your undercover growing area won't become a breeding ground for nuisances.

Before you start, take out as much as you can and turn off the power to electric points, covering them to stop any water splashing them.

The best tools for cleaning the outside are a good hose and a long-handled soft-bristled brush for tackling the roof glass, using a large sponge.

Give it a good rub to remove algae and, if panes overlap, use an old plant label to ease out the dirt and then rinse the area with a hose. Replace cracked or

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broken panes or get a professional to do it if you don't feel confident.

Clear greenhouse gutters, removing soggy leaves and debris which could end up in water butts or block your drains. Get a long-handled brush to get rid of the rubbish before it enters the downpipes.

Once the greenhouse is empty, give the floor a really good sweep and get rid of clutter like broken pots, out-of-date feeds and other junk.

Wipe down surfaces with a scouring sponge and wash flower pots and seed trays with disinfectant before thoroughly rinsing and returning to their place in the greenhouse.

Horticulturist Frances Tophill, co-presenter of ITV's *Love Your Garden* and guest speaker at the forthcoming Edible Garden Show in Warwickshire, says: "The art of a good greenhouse is to have a more or less constant temperature.

"In the winter, a heater might be required or a little bubble wrap on the glass. Plants will suffer most if their foliage is in direct contact with the cold glass, so move them away during the winter months."

"The warmth provided in a greenhouse will help a multitude of insects to overwinter in the warm and come back with gusto in the spring to attack your plants.

"To avoid that happening, give your greenhouse a big winter clean-up, paying particular attention to any standing water where larvae may well be multiplying."

Now is the time to think about growing your early vegetables.

"Early carrots and parsnips (make sure you use

one that is canker resistant) are ideal to start in February," says Tophill.

"It's also a great time to start your garlic and small onions or shallots. If you have the luxury of a greenhouse, then now is the time for growing all your tomatoes, peppers and aubergines.

"Also grow radishes, brassicas and all your peas, including late sweet peas. Now is also the time to get that summer bedding going. So start sowing cleome, dahlias, ricinus (castor oil plant), snapdragons and cerinthe."

Many plants just need the protection of a frost-free environment to germinate, so can be grown in a non-heated greenhouse or in a cold frame.

"Some seeds actually need a period of intense cold known as stratification before they will germinate. So it is all a matter of looking at your seeds, reading the packets carefully and treating them accordingly."

"If you only have a non-heated greenhouse, I always find a windowsill in the kitchen works a treat!"

The Edible Garden Show, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, runs from March 11-13. Visit www.theediblegardenshow.co.uk

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK:

- Water trees, shrubs and climbers in containers if the weather is dry or windy, especially evergreens.
- Pick out or pot up pelargonium seedlings that have grown from seeds sown last month.
- Apply a top dressing of gravel or chippings to the rockery to suppress weeds and ensure alpine don't become waterlogged.
- Bring strawberries in containers into the greenhouse for early fruit.
- Prune half-hardy fuchsias being kept under cover as soon as the pink 'eyes', or embryo shoots, appear.

Gardeners cop a helping hand!

TWO local PCSOs this week chipped in to help ValePlus clients work on their new vegetable garden.

Staff and clients have been developing their garden, with the help of a grant from ASDA's Community Fund, to grow more vegetables to supply their Cafe No 5 in High Street, Barry.

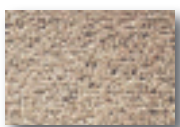
Owain and Ash from South Wales Police helped with heavy lifting and digging, helping the local charity stay on target to complete the garden before the growing season. ValePlus and Cafe No 5 provide training opportunities for adults with learning difficulties.

For more information on ValePlus and its work contact 01446 746691 or check out the website at www.valeplus.org.uk.

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75th anniversary marked at 372 (Barry) Squadron



The band of 372 Squadron in 1969.



372 Squadron at RAF St Mawgan in 1967.



372 Squadron on the Memorial Hall steps in 1941.



372 Barry Squadron at the Menin Gate, Belgium in 2015.



Inspection of 372 Squadron by the Earl of Plymouth on June 13, 1941.

RECENTLY, 372 (Barry) Squadron reached its 75th anniversary since formation on February 12, 1941, under the command of Flight Lieutenant William Bassett.

Thousands of young men and women have passed through the doors since the Squadron was formed; to experience the wide range of fun activities and educational training on offer; which has helped to develop their character.

The squadron nowadays, has over 30 cadets. The aims of the Air Training Corps are still the same today as in 1941: "To promote and encourage among young men and women, a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force; it seeks, to provide training that will be useful in the services and civil life. It fosters the spirit of adventure and to develop the qualities of good leadership and citizenship".

Flight Sergeant Jake Paterson (18) has been a member of the squadron for the past five years. Jake said: "I got to fly a plane before I could drive a car. I have gained many useful life skills over the years, especially to develop my confidence and leadership skills; which have helped me improve as a person. I would not be the person I am today if I hadn't joined 372 Squadron".

Corporal Tash Gill (15), who has been a member for two years, said being a part of the cadets has given her the opportunity to take part in lots of different activities. Amongst her favourite memories are travelling to Belgium in

2014 to commemorate the 100th anniversary since the start of the First World War and to Poland in 2015.

Tash said: "You get to make many new friends because you're always involved in different competitions and camps. You gain confidence, discipline and respect and also learn how to take charge of certain situations."

"Here you can experience many different activities you wouldn't find anywhere else – these memories and experiences stay with you forever."

"It is a privilege to command this fine squadron with such a wealth of history. There are many ex-cadets who have enjoyed their time with the squadron and have experienced many exciting opportunities throughout their time."

The Air Cadets also undertake flying, gliding, shooting, sports, adventure training, team building exercises, expeditions, field craft training, project work, volunteering, UK and overseas camps, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron, welcomes young people aged 12-17 and parade 5th Barry Scouts on Everard Street, Barry.

Monday (7.30pm-9.30pm) and Wednesday (7pm-9.30pm). You can also contact or text the Squadron on 07486 501864, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org for more information about becoming an Air Cadet.

Senedd VIP tour for RAFA branch



Barry RAFA branch was welcomed to the Senedd by the Vale AM.

BARRY branch of the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) was given a VIP tour of the Senedd on Friday by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

"RAFA promotes the welfare of all serving and former members of our Air Forces, their spouses and dependents together

with the widows and widowers and dependents of those who died while serving, or subsequently," she said.

"I was delighted to welcome the branch to the Senedd; the charity does an excellent job supporting the RAF family and it is extremely helpful to liaise with them regarding the needs of veterans," she added.

CPR training for Assembly chiefs



David Melding has CPR training.

DEPUTY Presiding Officer, David Melding, recently welcomed the British Heart Foundation to the Assembly to conduct basic CPR training.

He reported: "I fully support the British Heart Foundation's campaign to train as many people as possible in CPR. This basic training has given me the confidence to perform CPR should the need arise."

"I think it is important that all secondary schools take part in the campaign and contact the British Heart Foundation Cymru for a basic CPR training pack".

BARRY AIR CADETS GO ON AN ADVENTURE IN RURAL VALE



AIR CADETS from 372 (Barry) Squadron, travelled locally to St Donats in the Vale of Glamorgan for a day of exciting and challenging adventurous training.

This training walk was designed to prepare the cadets for their forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; with training in navigation, team building, first aid and understanding the country code; while following the Heritage coast and enjoying the cliffs, foreshore, nature reserves and ancient churches

The walk itself was of moderate difficulty, 10 kilometers in distance which included local tracks and paths through Monkash, Marcross, St Donats and Llantwit Major. The cadets saw the physical remains of the monastic grange in Llantwit Major, St Donat's Castle and Atlantic College, Nash Point lighthouse, Holy Trinity Church Marcross and St Donat's Church.

Adventurous training forms a very important part of the cadets' training. Rigorous training on the squadron covers: teambuilding, leadership, mountain craft, camp craft, safety

training and navigation before going on the hills. Squadron training then complements and encourages cadets to explore and appreciate the 'great outdoors'; to improve confidence and fitness, learn new skills and ultimately provide enjoyment mixed with excitement.

Cadet Oliver Fudge said: "We all had a great day out, learning about navigation, teamwork and safety training as we prepare for our expeditions later this year."

Cadets taking part were: Alex Cheesley, Rhian Horton, Jamey Pengilly, Zena Poulakis (with Hendrix), Tash Gill, Sean Hodges, Shannon Stait, James Jelinski, Rhys Horton, Gethin Lodge, Oliver Fudge, Jenna Day, Dominic Bushell and Dan Broadbent, Steve Hughes and Glenda Gill.

372 Squadron welcomes all young men and women between 12 - 17 years old. The Squadron parade at 5th Barry Scouts on Everard Street, Barry. Monday evening 7:30pm - 9:30pm and Wednesday evening (7pm - 9:30pm). Contact / text the Squadron on 07486 501864, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org for more details.

VALEWAYS GUIDED WALKS

ON Saturday, March 12 at 10am Destination Dyffryn Gardens meets at Tesco car park in Barry on Port Road.

To discover the Springtime Views of Valley and Coast meet at 1.30pm on Tuesday, March 15 on Dinas Powys common opposite Twynceyn.

The same day at 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Llantwit Major town hall car park. The Strollers meet on Wednesday, March 16 for a walk in Cosmeston Country Park; start from the visitor centre at 10.30am.

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ESU cheque will aid orphans in Uganda

LADY Inkin, vice-chairman of the South Wales English Speaking Union recently presented a cheque to Mr Harvey Jones of Ty Cariad, Africa.

The ESU is an educational charity which aims to promote global understanding through the English language. Funding the purchase of books for a children's home and school in Uganda, which Ty Cariad supports, is a step towards fulfilling this ambition.

The Ty Cariad Africa charity raises funds to support the work of VCCP - Ty Cariad, and other projects helping orphans and vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa.

The aim is to relieve poverty, sickness and distress and to provide access to education.

Harvey Jones said: "We are delighted to receive this cheque, which will be used to purchase reading books and other resources for this project in Uganda. During a visit made by Jan Thomas (retired head teacher and trustee of Ty Cariad Africa) in January this year, interviews were held, and Juliette Mirembé was offered the job."

"Following an introduction to the project, staff and children, she spent time with Jan Thomas planning the way forward. Her role is to develop early communication skills at the Ty Cariad home and improve English skills with those pupils identified as weak or non-readers at St Kizito junior school."



Non-violent way to resolve conflicts

IF BELONG to a group of people who are learning to practice non violent communication (NVC), sometimes called compassionate communication.

The method is based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg and is recognised worldwide as being valuable in conflict situations. It teaches us to listen to ourselves and others with compassion and then to respond, without judgement or blame.

It is useful in many areas of life including family relationships, work settings, voluntary organisations and in prisons.

The practice group is looking for new

members. A core group has been meeting together for about seven years, on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

If anyone would like to come along and give it a try, please call 029 21153074, or email sheilacollins@talktalk.net. The group has given me support through many painful life situations and whenever it is used, NVC creates opportunities for change, healing and reconciliation.

For more information on this approach, see the book Nonviolent Communication by Marshall B Rosenberg and a Youtube DVD entitled 'Nonviolent Communication Workshop'.

Sheila Collins, Barry.

PACT meetings

CASTLELAND - Meet your local officers at Morrisons' Barry 1pm - 3pm on Saturday, March 12 and 10am - 12 noon on Saturday, March 19.

CADOC - Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry 11am - 1pm on Thursday, March 17.

LLANDOUGH PACT - The Royal British Legion, Cogan Pill Road, Llandough on Monday, March 14 at 7pm.

Easy as Pi?

YOUNG learners across the Vale of Glamorgan are being urged to go out and discover uses of Pi, one of the world's most iconic maths theories.

Monday, March 1, Pi Day Cymru sees people of all ages involved in activities that will inspire them to embrace more uses of maths in everyday life.

Wales has a unique claim to the maths phenomenon that started in 1706, when William Jones from Anglesey was the first person to use the Greek letter π or pi to represent the

mathematical constant which allows us to measure the circumference and area of circles.

Now, young learners across the Vale of Glamorgan are being encouraged to start planning activities and challenges to get involved in the day themselves, whether it be through going out and discovering uses of Pi in their local area or sharing their own plans for the day on social media using #PiDayCymru.

To find out more about Pi Day visit: <https://www.facebook.com/beginnsathome> or follow @edubeginnsathome.

What's on and where in the area?

New church ideas sought

BARRY Uniting Church invites the public to view ideas for a new community and church building at Barry Waterfront Centre, next to the Waterfront Medical Centre on Saturday, March 12.

Caroe and Partners, architects, will be sharing their ideas for the new building that will support a range of community activities. Go along and share your thoughts.

Drop-in sessions will run from 11am to 12 noon and 1pm to 2pm. All welcome to stay for a bring and share lunch from 12pm - 1pm.

Councillors' surgery DYFAN councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will hold a ward surgery in Highlight Park Community Hall on Saturday, March 12 from 10am - 11am. No appointment necessary.

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns. Couns Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan William, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges will be at The Community Room, The County Library, King Square, Barry from 11am until 12pm on Saturday, March 12. No appointment necessary.

Diabetes event THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group will meet next on Tuesday, March 15 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm - 9pm.

The speaker will be Dr J Platts, Consultant Diabetologist who will speak on national diabetes developments in 2015 and plans for 2016. It is also our AGM.

All welcome!
St Hilary events ON Tuesday, March 15 at 10.30am in the village hall, a spring coffee morning will take place with tea and cakes.

Tickets available on the door, or in advance from church members.

National Trust members meet THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust members and volunteers' next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16 at 7.30pm in The Duke of Wellington, when Paul Busby will speak on 'Tredegar House'.

New members are always welcome, come and join! New committee members will be sought at the AGM in April.

Age Connects advice sessions IF you own your home and are looking for information and advice on Equity Release, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an

informal advice session on Tuesday, March 15 from 10am - 12pm at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

A Bower Retirement Services consultant will be available to chat on this subject. No appointment necessary.

Age Connects run a free monthly legal advice session at the Senior Health Shop. If you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter other than criminal law, come along a have a chat. A session will be held on Tuesday, March 15 from 10am to 12pm.

If you live in the Vale and need advice on Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit or Disability Living Allowance (excluding private pensions), a session is being held on Tuesday, March 22 at the Senior Health Shop from 9.30am to 11.30am. Home visits can be arranged; contact 01446 732385 for further information on any of the above.

Gentle exercise AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale holds 'gentle movement to music'

sessions for older people (or less able of any age) at All Saints' parish church, Southerndown.

The aim is to help increase and maintain flexibility, mobility and suppleness. New members welcome at any time of the year; no joining fee, just pay as you go.

For full details, contact Shirley Dodd-Clark on 01446 751077; 07990 976160; shirleydadc@aol.co.uk or www.extendinthevale.com.

Atal y Fro coffee DOMESTIC abuse charity Atal y Fro will deliver a talk on healthy family relationships, with particular regard to the older generation, at their coffee morning on Wednesday, March 23 at Golau Caredig extra care facility in Barry starting at 10am.

This is open to all people of any gender who would like to attend.

Pensions advice CITIZENS Advice Cardiff and Vale, which is organising advice sessions in the area, has face-to-face Pension Wise appointments, and says people would find it easier to understand their pensions if the industry used simple, standard language to describe their products, instead of jargon.

To book a free, face-to-face or telephone Pension Wise appointment, call 0300 330 1001 or visit www.pensionwise.gov.uk.

Rossway bazaar ROSSWAY Methodist Church Ladies' Circle (Court Road, Barry) is holding a spring bazaar on Friday, April 1 at 1.30pm.

Stalls will include Nearly New and jumble, tombola, books, and refreshments. Free admission; all proceeds to charity and to the church.

Choir concert in Barry THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, invites the public to attend the Choirs of Barry concert on Friday, April 15 at St Helen's RC Church, Wyndham Street, Barry at 7pm, featuring Barry Male Voice Choir, Barry Ladies Choir and Barry Community Choir.

Tickets (£6) are available from Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA. All proceeds go to Tŷ Hapus and MNDA Cardiff and Vale, nominated charities of the Mayor. Contact 01446 704921 or e-mail juliehurst@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Dylan Thomas Day FOLLOWING the success of International Dylan Thomas Day in 2015, the second annual celebration of Wales' most famous literary son takes place on May 14.

It will include a variety of activities across the world, including all the key locations associated with the poet: New Quay, Laugharne, Swansea, London, New York and, this year, Cornwall, where a plaque will be unveiled for 'Dylan's Corner' at the Ship Inn, Penzance.

There will be a number of online events, the third Dylan's Great Poem and the International Dylan Thomas Prize 2016 award ceremony, in collaboration with Swansea University.

For further information, contact Literature Wales on press@literaturewales.org or call 029 2047 2266.

Crime and cream A few tickets remain for the Crime and Cream Tea event hosted by Griffin Books at Holm House Hotel in Penarth, on March 17. Beginning at 2.30pm, two thriller writers will talk about their latest books and answer audience questions. Tickets £15 include a cream tea, cake and a signed copy of one of the authors' books.

Final kick deals Barry seconds a harsh defeat



ABOVE: Chris Chucas in action, while Barry second XV tackled the league leaders, St Joseph's.

PICTURES BY HOWARD POOLE.

ON the same day when the first XV tackled the league leaders, Barry second XV entertained their own division's leaders, St Joseph's.

The omens were not good, as this was a slick side which had dealt the hosts some heavy defeats in the past.

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow were further hampered by numerous players unavailable for selection, although they were grateful for the return of Chris Chucas at full back and Curtis Miller appearing on the bench.

Playing up against the slope and the elements, Barry started ferociously, hoping to catch the team from the capital off guard. After being successful from an early catch-and-drive from a line-out, Barry were awarded a penalty within kicking range, but Ashley Adams was unable to deliver the three points.

Undeterred, the hosts probed for another opening and following numerous St Joseph's infringements, the home side found themselves camped on the five-metre line.

With the lineout expertly executed, an unstoppable rolling maul was formed and John Miles was on hand to crash over for the opening try. Joel Williams added the extras.

Barry should have kicked on and put their opponents to the sword, but instead fell foul of the referee's whistle with a spate of penalties, allowing the visitors territory and possession that they did not waste.

Within the space of five minutes, the score was 10-7 to the visitors following two quick unconverted tries.

With captain Williams and Rhys O'Sullivan particularly vocal about their side's indiscipline, Barry improved



especially after the introduction of Miller.

Focusing their energy on breaking down a stubborn St Joseph's defence instead of attracting the attention of the referee's whistle, Barry reversed the momentum and was duly rewarded just before the break.

O'Sullivan did the hard work by sending numerous defenders tumbling, before Joel Williams capitalised by sauntering through to score in the corner. He was unable to add the extras.

The second half was a cagey affair as the game was broken up further by the penalty count. Barry should have increased their lead when the visitors were down to 13 men, but a disallowed try from Adams was as close as they got.

When Barry themselves were down to 14 men in the last quarter, St Joseph's laid siege to the home line in search for the winner.

Heroic defending, with some bone-crunching tackles from Remy Frenay, Rob Williams, Owain Poole and most memorably Chucas, kept the visitors away, and it seemed that Barry had weathered the storm as Adams returned to the fray.

Unfortunately this was not the case as Barry lost possession to give the away side one last attack, and home indiscipline meant the concession of a penalty within kicking distance.

This time the league leaders made no mistake and with the final kick of the game wrestled the

lead decisively away to win the game, 13-12.

Barry second XV return to action after the Six Nations with an away trip to Llanishen on March 26.

Team: Chucas; Russell, Peake, Adams, Bounds; J Williams ©, Mephem; Hall, O'Sullivan, Ring; R Williams, Case; Frenay, Poole, Miles. Replacements: Turnbull, Miller, Evans. Substitute not used: Forrester. Man of the match: O'Sullivan.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

AS the VOG League attempted to catch up with the weeks, or months, lost to the weather it was a mix of league and cup action this week.

The Barry Cup quarter finals were finally completed as Cardiff Airport dispatched SP Construction 4-2.

Premier Division Cardiff Airport and Wenvoe Arms were kept apart in the semi-final draw, setting up two mouthwatering games of Premier vs Division One.

Cardiff Airport play the impressive Barry Belgrade while Wenvoe Arms lock horns with high-flying Cogan Coronation. Can a Division One side win the cup again as VIFC did last season?

In the historic ASRS Cup, Premier Division league leaders St Athan were dumped out by Cowbridge Town in this west Vale derby.

The teams played out a 1-1 draw, with Cowbridge equalising with the last touch of extra time, then winning 3-0 on penalties.

In the Supporters Cup Vale United continued their recent fine form with a 4-0 win over FC Pumas.

United set up a semi final with Cadoxton Barry who won 3-1 against AFC Rhose B. United look for a third final in only two years of existence after being runners-up in the Barry and Dockers Cups last season.

Cogan Coronation secured their second semi-final of the season with a 2-1 win over Glenbrook as they await

the winners of Barry Belgrade and Cadoxton Athletic.

In the Dockers Cup, Dockers Reunited must look like the favourites for their namesake cup after an emphatic 9-0 win over FC Pumas B.

The win sees a semi-final against Cadoxton Imps after they advanced ahead of Master Mariner.

Barry Albion edged past Island Marine B 1-0 and will play Knap FC who defeated St Athan B 2-1 in a close contest.

In league action Barry Athletic moved into third place in the Premier Division after a 6-3 thriller against Penarth Town.

Dinas Powys Athletic secured a big three points away to Island Marine while AFC Rhose and Masons Moving Group played out a goalless draw.

In Division One, Sully Sports beat bottom side BVFC for the second week on the spin to move four points clear at the top although the teams below do have a few games in hand.

Tynewydd continued their form since the winter break with a 2-1 victory over Cadoxton Athletic to move into fifth place.

There was only one game in Division Two but plenty of goals - unfortunately for Cowbridge B they were all for Penarth B as they absolutely routed the bottom club 9-0.

This weekend the stand-out game is a huge Premier Division clash between Wenvoe Arms and Cardiff Airport.

HD

TIM'S DOUBLE!

ABERTHIN National Hunt trainer Tim Vaughan had plenty to smile about at Huntingdon on Sunday.

Tim, who hasn't had the best of seasons, saddled two horses at the meeting and won with both of them.

The first of them, *Champagne Chaser*, who was racing for the first time in 133 days, landed the All 28 Cheltenham Races On RacingUK Handicap Hurdle, coming home 10 lengths clear of *Vinegar Hill* and the second leg of the double was completed when his *Fields Of Glory* took The Ben Bull 18th Birthday Handicap Hurdle by a neck from *Ivanhoe*.

Both horses started favourites, with *Champagne Chaser* being returned at 2-1 and *Fields Of Glory* at 5-2 and both were ridden by champion jockey elect Richard Johnson.

EVAN'S TAUNTON DOUBLE Llancaf's Evan Williams is the leading trainer at Ludlow so it came as something of a surprise that he didn't have a runner there last Thursday.

However, canny Evan sent two horses to Taunton instead and both of them were winners. His 10-year-old *Tornado In Milan*, under Conor Ring, took the Exmoor Trim Handicap Hurdle scoring by two-and-a-half lengths from the favourite *Impulsive American* and his six-year-old *On The Road*, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won the A.W. Rule & Son Gun Makers Ltd Handicap Hurdle by 19 lengths from *Tikkapick*.

Course and distance winner *Tornado In Milan* was a 4-1 chance, and *On The Road* was made a 4-6 favourite.

TIM'S WELCOME WINNER Aberthin's Tim Vaughan had a welcome winner at Bangor last Wednesday when his six-year-old *Tanit River* landed the Broxton Gates Handicap Hurdle by 12 lengths from *Quincy Des Pictons* who was ridden by Bridgend's Rhys Flint.

Tanit River, a 11-4 chance, was ridden by Alan Johns and Tim also saddled the third horse home *Noble Galileo*.

LOCAL HORSE'S SURPRISE WIN *Heavenstown*, a 10-year-old chestnut

BRIAN LEE

Weather no barrier for local tennis club!



A wet and windy March 1 failed to deter hardy individuals from turning up for the Dinwiddie Lawn Tennis Club's St David's Day tournament.

Although they had to lie in wait in the clubhouse for the expected lull in disagreeable weather, they still managed to fit in three rounds of tennis before returning to the clubhouse to join some 50 members and guests for a lunch of traditional Welsh fare.

Marion Curtis did a marvellous job organising fellow members to prepare and serve cawl and bread rolls, a large

selection of Welsh cheeses, biscuits, and Welsh cakes. A hearty lunch was had by all!

The club captains, Shirley Howman and Mark Jones, would like to thank all those members who helped on the day, and also members and friends alike who came to support the club's annual festivities.

The club will be holding its annual open day on Saturday, March 19. Please come along, see the club's facilities, meet club members and enjoy an afternoon of social tennis.

Refreshments will be served from 11am, please see the club website for further details.

SH

Gymnastic group put in 'Dahlicious' performance!



ON Friday, March 4, gymnasts from Cardiff and the Vale represented Planet Gymnastics Club by performing acrobatic dance routines at the 'Dahlicious' charity ball at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff. The gymnasts performed to tracks from James and the Giant Peach.

The gymnasts who took part (from top left of picture): Lucy Young (Cardiff), Emily Doogue (Llantwit Major), Lucy McGee (Cardiff), Nytaya

gelding qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt and who was owned by Malcolm Page, who sadly died just a few weeks ago, was a 14-1 winner of the novice riders' race at the Beaufort Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Didmarton last Saturday.

There were plenty of enthusiasts from the Vale who saw this former triple hurdle winner romp home 10 lengths ahead of *Total Rebellion*.

The Irish-bred *Heavenstown*, which was ridden by Pembrokehire's Richard Patrick, is now owned by Peter Jenkins and his trainer, former leading point-to-point rider Jonathan Tudor of Merthyr Mawr, said: "He's a lovely horse to train - I hunted him last Thursday and we didn't get home until six in the evening."

Bridgend schoolboy Connor Brace, aged 14, rode a well-judged race on his 11-year-old chestnut mare Peateoh to land the 148cm pony race, finishing two lengths ahead of *Buddy's Girl* partnered by Tamby Welch.

Connor was repeating his success in this race of the previous year.

Llanharan's Tom David, riding the aptly named *It's A Mistake* for Martyn Griffiths, appeared to have the aged maiden race in the bag until a mistake at the second last fence, where he came down, left the way clear for Welsh champion point-to-point rider John Mathias to score on *WithOutTheFavourite*, which went on to win by 25 lengths from *NowWeAreSeven*.

Earlier in the day, Mathias, riding Wales' most popular and prolific point-to-pointer *Rosies Cousin*, had been caught just before the winning post by the strongly fancied *Stone* ridden by Sam Jukes, and was beaten a neck.

Fearless Fantasy, ridden by Liverpool's James Nixon and qualified with the Brecon & Talybont Hunt, was a six lengths winner of the young horse maiden race.

This Sunday, the Currie & Llangibby Hunt stage their meeting at Howick near Chepstow and racing gets under way at 12.30pm.

BRIAN LEE

The ball celebrated 100 years of Roald Dahl and was organised by Tenevous Cancer Research and Nuffield Health.

RH

Lucky pup's new home in Wales!



Tui at the sanctuary in Chiang Mai.



Tui in her jumper at home in Penmark.



A STRAY mongrel from Thailand is enjoying a new life in the Vale, thanks to two Guide Dog trainers.

Tony and Emily Harvey fell in love with a cute pup they named Tui while visiting an animal sanctuary in Chiang Mai. She was one of 400 dogs that had been rescued from the streets, many destined for the meat crates.

The couple decided to bring Tui to Wales, which meant she faced vaccinations, blood tests and a 25-hour trip by plane, ferry and car. She arrived last week to start her new life with the couple in

Penmark. Emily said: "She's starting to adapt to life in a proper home, so it's like having a puppy again! She has to wear a jumper most of the time as she's used to temperatures of 30-plus degrees. We are very happy to have her, although a little tired from the sleepless nights."

Tui's luck changed for the better when the couple called at the sanctuary in Thailand last summer, on their way back from a three-year stint as guide dog trainers in New Zealand.

The couple were so moved by the plight of the animals that they scrapped plans for a luxury beach

holiday to join volunteers at the sanctuary. They used their guide dog training skills to teach the traumatised animals how to play and relax, even appealing for friends in the UK to send out toys.

They returned to take up full-time posts with Guide Dogs Cymru in Cardiff, where colleagues are looking forward to meeting Tui.

Caroline Viney, head of service delivery, said: "The plight of the dogs in Thailand really touched us because our guide dog puppies have it so good. Tui is one lucky pup."

Marie Curie café supports 300 carers in its first year



Caring for Carers Project Co-ordinator, Sarah Johnson, pictured with carer Maureen Kettley.

A CAFÉ providing support for local carers has celebrated its first anniversary by welcoming its 300th carer for afternoon tea.

The Marie Curie Carers' Café launched at the charity's Cardiff & the Vale hospice in Penarth in March 2015, providing refreshments and talking to other carers about their experiences. She encouraged other carers to come along to the café and take advantage of the support that's on offer.

"Once you get through that door the first time you'll never look back. I think the ambience is quite relaxing; it's a warm, friendly atmosphere and there's people around to offer you support. I think that is what a lot of the people who come here are looking for."

Sarah Johnson, who has been running the Marie Curie Carers' Café, said she has been blown away by the success of the project:

"When we set up the first café one year ago, we never could have imagined that we could have supported over 300 carers in a little over 20 sessions. We've been really pleased with the positive response that we've had."

"I think the most rewarding thing, from the project's perspective, has been the feedback that we've received - that this café is making a real difference for the carers who attend, often providing them with support at a time when they need it the most."

The Marie Curie Carers' Café takes place at the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale Hospice on the first and final Tuesday of every month. Such has been the success of the scheme that the cafés have been rolled out to other areas of Wales.

For more information about the Marie Curie Carers' Café, contact Sarah Johnson on 02920 426023 or email sarah.johnson@mariecurie.org.uk. Carers' Café is part of the successful Marie Curie Caring for Carers in Wales project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

Vale for Africa says thank you for the Twmpath

ON behalf of Vale for Africa, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Twmpath at Rosedew Farm, Llantwit Major on March 1, a spokesperson writes.

We had a wonderful evening of dancing to Thingumijigs, plenty of cawl to eat (thanks to chef Tim and to Siân for the vegetarian one), cheese, bread and Welsh cakes. Our heartfelt appreciation to Gaynor and Rhodri Davies, owners of Rosedew Farm, for letting us have the use of their barn for the event. Also, our appreciation to the organising committee (Gareth Kiddie, Sue Bowyer, Tony Woodward, Annette Dobbs and Siân Tesni).

However, our greatest appreciation is to the people who supported the event, donated raffle prizes or money towards the event. We are hopeful that £1,000 was raised towards the building of a classroom in Pomedé, Uganda.

If you would like further information about the Vale for Africa, or wish to volunteer in some way, please contact the chair, Gareth Kiddie, via email on gareth@gka.org.uk.

AR ran elusen Bro Am Africa, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Twmpath ar Fferm Rosedew, Llanilltud Fawr ar Fawrth 1.

Cawsom noson hwylus o ddawns i adloniant Thingumijigs, digon o gawl (gan y cogydd Tim a Siân gogyfer y llysiewyr), caws, bara a phice ar y man. Diolch arbennig i Gaynor a Rhodri Davies, perchnogion y fferm, am adael i ni ddefnyddio ei sgubor hwylus. Diolch i'r pwyllgor trefnu am ddod a'r cyfan at ei gilydd (Gareth Kiddie, Sue Bowyer, Tony Woodward, Annette Dobbs a Siân Tesni).

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FIFTY VISITORS POP IN TO SEE THE VALE MP!



MORE than 50 local people were welcomed by Vale MP Alun Cairns to Parliament last week.

Constituents from across the Vale included Women's Institute groups from Southerndown, Llantwit Major and Llanblethian and students from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School.

Mr Cairns (front, right) reported: "I was

delighted to welcome such a wide range of groups and residents from across the Vale to Westminster. We had the opportunity to discuss many issues and I answered questions on a variety of topics."

Velindre plans 'Rockies ride'

MR Michael Clubb the February speaker at Vale NFU Ladies gave a very informative talk on the Second World War Welsh Arsenal at Bridgend which employed over 25,000 girls, women and men.

Mrs Jan Rees gave the vote of thanks.

The AGM followed and Mrs Kay Gay was voted chairperson, Mrs June Studley secretary, Mrs Mary Brown treasurer, Mrs Ray Evans press officer and Mrs

Joan Thomas tea hostess. A charity donation of £300 to Velindre Hospital Trust is to be given to Mr Julian Kelly, NFU secretary who is organising a bicycle ride event in the Canadian Rockies in the near future for the hospital.

Mrs Marion Lewis won the raffle.

The next meeting (as usual) will be held at Penllyn Village Hall on Tuesday, March 15, at 7.30pm. New members welcome. **RE**

Call for airport buses review

PLAID CYMRU candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Ian Johnson, has called for a new review of the bus service from Cardiff Airport to Cardiff city centre, after new passenger numbers and Assembly Government subsidy figures were released.

"During five months from March to August 2015, 71,000 passengers used the T9 service but the Welsh Government spent more than £205,000 subsidising the service," said Coun Johnson, who represents the centre of Barry.

Cardiff Airport was a great asset to the Vale, creating jobs and supporting the local economy, but the number of T9 services and its cost should be reviewed.

"If passengers paid £3 extra for their journey - and they're mostly flying to or from Wales and already paying hundreds of pounds for that - then the service would pay for itself."

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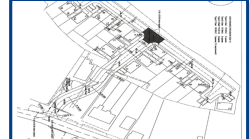
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THE Sunday Times Best Companies 2016 has ranked Wales & West Housing as the top not-for-profit business in Wales for the fifth year running.

The housing association, which manages almost 10,000 affordable homes across Wales – including around 1,400 properties in Bridgend and 600 properties in the Vale – has just been ranked second in the UK's 100 Best Not-For-Profit Organisations to Work For list, moving up yet another place from its UK 2015 ranking and retaining its position at the top in Wales.

Chief executive Anne Hinchey said: "I am incredibly pleased that not only have we been recognised as the top not-for-profit organisation in Wales for the fifth year running, we're also the second top not-for-profit organisation to work for in the whole of the UK."



Airline gives boost to Cardiff Airport

VUELING airline has announced that it will be boosting its services from Cardiff Airport for the 2016 summer season, adding an additional 44,000 seats across its four routes to Barcelona, Malaga, Alicante and Palma Majorca.

It represents a 41 per cent increase compared to last summer, with more than 151,000 seats now on sale for flights between April and October 2016.

The popularity of Vueling's routes from Rhosneigr has also resulted in the early release of winter flights for 2016/17, which are also now available

to book. On a visit to Cardiff Airport recently, Jane Hutt AM joined managing director Debra Barber in the control room and praised staff for their skills, experience and dedication "over a busy weekend".

Afterwards, she said: "I was very pleased to meet the hard working staff at Cardiff Airport. It is absolutely essential that we secure the future of our airport; not only does it support 1,750 jobs, but it is of strategic importance to the on-going success of tourism in Wales."

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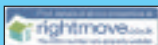
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VINCENT Michael John (Vince)

Peacefully at home on February 28th with his loving wife Fay at his bedside. Vince, well known drummer of The Cyclones, former manager of Provident Personal Credit, Cardiff, and most recently a technician of Ward East 1 at Llandough Hospital. An adored dad of Natalie and Christian, cherished Bamp of Abi, Jasmine, Erin and Ewan. Special father-in-law to Jackie and Jason. Vince will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Barry on Monday 14th March at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only, donations if desired may be made at the service or via the online tribute page to support Action For Pulmonary Fibrosis at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis 01446 407962.

OLDING Eunice Kathrens

Peacefully after a short illness at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, on March 1st, Eunice of Proctor Close, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late William, much love mum of Hilary and mother of Christine, mother-in-law of Raymond, adored nan of Alexandra, Matthew, Gavin, Claire, and Charlotte, great-nan of Louise, Tyler, Kai, Callum, Logan, Joe, Evie, Isabelle, William and Sam. Eunice will be sadly missed by Rona and family in Australia.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until her funeral service in the chapel on Thursday, March 17th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to the British Heart Foundation.

JACOB ROBINSON

Jacob Robinson of 17 Laburnum Way, Penarth, passed away suddenly on 20th February.

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PEARCE William Evan

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OWENS Carwyn

From Llantwit Major, originally from Aberporth.

Suddenly but peacefully, Carwyn passed away on Saturday, 27th February aged 76 at Albert Edward Home, Porthcawl. Beloved husband of the late Enid, dearly loved father of Aled, Julie and of the late Dyfrig, dear father-in-law of Steve and Maria Fhe, loving Daddu of Elen and Nia, brother of Elfan and sister in law Sue, uncle of nephew Lyn & family.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 14th March, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend and afterwards at Prince of Wales public house in Coychurch. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to Dementia Care UK c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

A special thank you to all staff at Albert Edwards Home for all the care, love and kindness given to dad during his stay with them over the last two years. His smile said it all. Diolch o galon.

Rest in peace dad, we will always love and miss you every minute of every day. You are now at peace and together. Nos da breuddwydion melus X.

SUTTON Margaret (Née Lowe)

Sadly passed away on Saturday, 5th March 2016 (her birthday), aged 90, at Llandough Hospital surrounded by her family. Long term partner to Bill, mum to Susan (deceased), Pat, Linda and Sarah, mother-in-law to John, and nana to seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She lived life to the full and travelled extensively with her partner Bill. She was generous and full of love for her family during her long and happy life. Our hearts are broken.

She will be so sadly missed.
Resting at Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry, CF63 1EX, until her funeral at Merthyr Dyfan Chapel, Barry Cemetery, CF62 8BP on Thursday, 17th March at 2pm.

WILLSHAW Ian (MBE)

Ian Willshaw, who lived for many years at Craig Penllyn, died peacefully on March 2, aged 81, at The Manor House, St. Hilary. Much loved husband of Lulu, who predeceased him, and dear brother, uncle and godfather.

The funeral is at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Thursday, March 17 at 2.45pm. Family flowers only please but, if wished, donations to the Parkinson's UK charity c/o W. James & Sons, Funeral Directors, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhosce, CF62 3DZ.

HARRIES Freda Kathleen (née Churchill)

Peacefully on 4th March, 2016 at Brocastle Manor Nursing Home, Freda, aged 95 years, of Lakehill Drive, Cowbridge. Devoted wife to the late Vernon and a much loved mother and grandmother.

Funeral service at St. Canna's Church, Llangan on Tuesday 15th March at 12 noon, followed by burial at The Limes Cemetery, Cowbridge at 1.15pm.

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Janice Patricia (Jan)

Peacefully on 4 March at Llandough Hospital, Janice Patricia (Jan), aged 77 years, of Rhosce. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Loving mother of Racheal and mother-in-law of Robert. Dear sister of Ian.

Jan will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 16 March.

Funeral service at All Saints Church, Barry at 2pm, afterwards cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Dogs Trust, Bridgend.

BATES Anne

Peacefully at home, Anne, much loved wife of the late Owen, loving mother of Jacqueline and Roger. Mother-in-law of Clive, much loved gran of Laura, Claire, Owen and Karina. Great grandmother of Jack and Freya.

Funeral service at Brinwnt Chapel, Thornhill Crematorium on Monday, March 21 at 12.45pm. Family flowers only.

GLOVER Kenneth Vivian

On Tuesday, March 1 at Llandough Hospital, with his family around him, Ken, aged 81 years. Much loved and devoted husband of Maureen, cherished father of Mandi and Carys, father-in-law of Fred, treasured and loving Grampy of Daniel and Ben. Lifelong resident of the village of St Nicholas, the last of seven brothers and sisters.

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EDWARDS Christine

Passed away peacefully on the 3rd March, Christine of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of the late David, a much loved mother to Sharon, Tracey and Joanne and a loving nan to Megan, Bethan, Gwen, Ryan and Ella.

She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service in St. Illtud's Church at 3pm on Thursday, 17 March, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, may be made to ABM University Health Board, Ward 5, Princess of Wales Hospital (cheques only) c/o the funeral home.

GULWELL Graham

After a battle with dementia for the last four years, Graham, aged 79 years, passed away peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth on March 4. Beloved husband of Dot, much loved dad of Stephen, Kevin, Karen and their partners, loving granddad to his ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed by all, especially the love of his life Dot.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Monday, March 21, at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to the Alzheimer's Society, Cardiff & Vale, Oldwell Court, Ty Gwyn Road, Penylan, Cardiff, CF23 5DA.

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ATWELL Colin (Tim)

15th March
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MURIEL OOSS

The family wish to remember Muriel, who passed away one year ago. To lose such a loving and caring person inevitably leaves a huge gap, which is difficult to fill, but we will remember her with happiness, love and in the many loving memories we shared with her.

Peter and family.

Acknowledgements

ROBINS Arthur Henry

Pam would like to sincerely thank all Rotarians, USA members, family and friends for the many messages of sympathy and support received during a very difficult time.

She would also like to thank Dr Hughes and the district nurses from Ashfield Surgery, Bridgend; the Rev David Bolt for his guidance and lovely service; and Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Pencoeed, for making the time much easier for her.

A very special thank you to all the wonderful staff at Brocastle Manor Care Home for the fantastic way in which they cared for Arthur during the last year of his life.

Thank you everyone.

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Promotion delight for hockey teams

PENARTH 8, BRISTOL UNIVERSITY B 2

Penarth welcomed Bristol University to Stanwell School in the penultimate round of fixtures in the 2015/16 season, knowing that they still needed a victory needed to secure promotion, as well as maintaining their 100 per cent home record.

The match opened in perfect fashion, with Penarth again able to make their trademark fast start and open the scoring in the first few minutes, with David Joyce finding space at the top of the 'D' before turning and lashing the ball high into the net.

The hosts continued on the front foot, but were unable to find a second goal allowing the University side to remain in the hunt and a constant threat on the counter-attack.

Having failed to convert a number of chances Penarth were made to pay for their wastefulness, as the students finally converted a chance after breaking away at pace and in numbers. With an attacker unmarked in the 'D', goalkeeper Adam Putt was unable to replicate his earlier saves and could only watch as a reverse stick shot left him helpless.

After conceding the equaliser, Penarth looked uncharacteristically frustrated and started to force the play, looking for long balls and trying to play through the opposition.

Just as it looked like the league leaders were losing their cool and letting the occasion get the better of them, however, their quality finally shone through, with two quick-fire goals settling the nerves.

First, Croxall showed some unbelievable skill at the top of the 'D' to create space for himself before smashing a reverse stick shot passed a motionless 'keeper and, having regained possession straight from the restart, the unmarked Laith El-Khatib rifled the ball into the top corner seconds before the half-time whistle sounded.

From the restart, subtle changes paid off as Penarth began to exercise greater control over the game and started to close the net on their opponents. With the pressure mounting on the Bristol goal, it wasn't long before the home side grabbed a fourth goal, Croxall once again showing his skills as he mesmerising the defence before slipping the ball to Joyce at the back post.

With one hand on promotion, Penarth started to relax and enjoy the occasion, playing some excellent free flowing hockey which would soon reflect on the scoreboard.

El-Khatib and Croxall bagged a brace apiece, both expertly finishing reverse stick shots before Joyce completed a hat-trick to continue his impressive scoring ratio of two goals per game.

Finally, in a near carbon copy of Joyce's earlier goal, Croxall would once again hypnotise his opponent before this time slipping the ball to Richard Baker at the back post.

The Bears were perhaps guilty of celebrating a little too soon as they took their foot off the gas and allowed the visitors to score a consolation goal right at the death, leaving the final score 8-2 in their favour. Little was going to dampen Penarth spirits, however, as an elated club could finally celebrate promotion and head into the final round of fixtures as favourites for the De Cymru & The Marches 1 title.

PENARTH A 10, LANISHEN & CAERPHILLY B 1

The second XI came into their final home game of the season on the back of five straight victories which had seen them climb back into to second place in the standings, and received an unexpected boost before pushback with the news that promotion rivals Llanishen & Caerphilly A had fallen to a shock defeat at home to Whitchurch.

This meant that, due to their

already superior goal difference, a win would all but cement a top two finish and, providing there was no horrendous reversal of fortune in the final week, another promotion for the Bears to celebrate.

When Penarth had meaningful possession, they started to play the sort of hockey which had provided the foundations for their impressive run of form, and it finally paid off as veteran striker Dave Watkins applied a smart finish at the back post.

The lead was doubled soon after, as James Kidby picked up the ball in the visitors' 'D' and produced a classy finish high into the net. With momentum clearly on their side, Penarth added four more goals before half-time, with Tom Parkinson scoring with his first touch after coming on as a substitute and Watkins and Dave Kidby adding to their seasonal tallies.

The second half saw more of the same, but Llanishen & Caerphilly got the next goal against the run of play; it was not to be the start of a comeback, however, and, perhaps stung back into action by both the strike and news that title rivals Swansea University has extended their goal difference advantage by hammering Neath 6-0, Penarth finally found the back of the net.

Four further goals were added before the final whistle, spread between Watkins, Sam Docherty, Jamie Davison and James Kerr-Smith, the final pair converting late penalty corners to make the final score 10-1 in the home side's favour.

Despite still sitting second in the De Cymru 2 table, Penarth have their fate in their own hands as they travel to league leaders Swansea University this weekend knowing that a victory will secure a deserved league title.

GWENT B 2, PENARTH B 1
The Bees travelled to Cwmbran for an evening push back buoyed by the news of the first and second teams' success and hoping that the fortune might carry over as they looked to improve on third place in De Cymru 3.

The Bees edged the first half, continuing the good play from the previous week to lead 1-0 at the break with a rare goal from the rampaging Ian Smith.

However, rather than pressing home their advantage, Penarth let Gwent back into the game through basic errors and a loss of shape and, despite the efforts of debutant and man-of-the-match James Erasmus, the home side deservedly equalised midway through the second period.

Just as the game looked like petering out into a draw, the lateness of the hour finally seemed to take effect as Penarth were caught napping with minutes remaining, and Gwent grabbed a somewhat fortunate winner to finally end any hopes, however remote, that the Bees may have had of emulating the senior teams in securing promotion.

Already assured of third place in De Cymru 3, the Bees entertain runaway leaders Whitchurch this Saturday hoping to become the only team to take points off the champions-elect this season.

All three Penarth sides will be in action on the final weekend of the GoCrea8 league season, with the second XI undoubtedly involved in the marquee game as they go head-to-head with Swansea University for the De Cymru 2 title.

The first XI, meanwhile, must win at Cardiff & Met if they are to avoid falling at the last in their bid for divisional glory, while the thirds close out their season by hosting table-topping Whitchurch.

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Penalty controversy sees Dinas Powys defeated by Undy

A hotly disputed goal was the only difference between Dinas Powys and Undy Athletic from opposite ends of the Division 2 table, and although Undy had to play most of the game with only 10 men, the young Dinas side took the game to their high-flying opponents, especially in the second half, and were unlucky not to get something from the game.

Undy started the game on the attack and a corner by Giles Thompson was headed off the line by a Dinas defender.

A strong run by Sam Adamson ended when he was chopped down some 25 yards from goal; Bruce took the kick but Undy keeper James Smallcombe gathered his effort comfortably.

At the other end Nathan Woods and Gareth Cullimore combined well but James Curtin saved well from Cullimore's shot.

Dinas began to settle and string some good passes together and when their hard working striker Adam Johns was fouled on the edge of the Undy box, Ryan Garland stepped up and bent a fine effort round the wall which Cullimore had to push round his post for an unproductive corner.

With 25 minutes on the clock Undy's Chris Parry was sent off

for a second yellow card offence. Despite this Undy were still dangerous and a ball through the middle to Nathan Woods saw him shoot wide when well placed.

Then came the disputed goal on 33 minutes when, from a corner, Woods poked the ball past Curtin where a defender cleared it off the line but the linesman flagged that it had crossed the line and the goal was given.

Another determined run by Adamson, who had a fine game, ended when again he was scythed down, Bruce putting the free kick too near Smallcombe for an easy catch.

The Dinas midfield three of Bruce, Keiron James and James Marr were battling hard to gain possession and gradually the extra man advantage began to tell and some fine inter-passing between James and Marr saw him get a shot on target but too far out to bother Smallcombe, and as the half ended Dinas were beginning to get on top.

The Dinas back four of Adamson, Nathan Donnelly, Paul Caulfield and Mamadu Banguraso were not too over-worked in the second half as Undy seemed content to sit on their one goal advantage and as the half went on Dinas began to pin them back in their own half for long spells.

Adamson got a good cross in for Johns but it was just too far in front of him to control. Dinas then

rang the changes, replacing Garland for Rhys Palmer and Reuben Bryl made way for Luke Swaffield.

A Bruce free kick from 30 yards almost beat Smallcombe and he had to dive to his right to make the save. The home side then pushed big central defender Donnelly up front as a target man with Marr dropping into defence.

Adamson was getting some good crosses in and from one of these James got a shot on target but it was deflected off a defender for an unproductive corner.

Despite being well on top at this stage they couldn't get the equaliser. Their best chance came when Johns played Palmer through on goal but his shot cleared the crossbar.

Dinas made their final substitution, Rhys Harlin replacing Banguraso for the last few minutes, but time ran out and Undy went home with the points.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Sam Adamson, 3 Mamadu Banguraso, 4 Paul Caulfield, 5 Nathan Donnelly, 6 James Marr, 7 Keiron James (c), 8 Nicky Bruce, 9 Adam Johns, 10 Reuben Bryl, 11 Ryan Garland, 12 Rhys Palmer, 14 Luke Swaffield, 15 Rhys Harlin.

Dinas are next in action on Wednesday, March 23, when they travel to play Llawnern with a 7.15pm kick off.

Peter King

THE BARRY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE TABLES AND RESULTS

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 8, Wyndham Cons 7; Moors Boys 7, Liberals 8; Rhoose Social 7, Cadoxton Cons 8.

League table: West End 135, Wyndham Cons 135, Rhoose Social 132, Liberals 130, West End Runaways 123, Cadoxton Cons 118, Moors Boys 112.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 6, King William XII 1; Allsorts 2, West End D 5; Slammers 2, Rhoose Social C 5; Rhoose Social A 2, West End C 5; Liberals C 1.5,

Barries Boys 5.5; Rhoosters 2.5, Rugby Club 4.5; Rhoose Social B 5, Cambrian Flyers 2.

League table: Sea View B 92.5, West End D 76, Rugby Club 75, Barries Boys 70.5, King William XII 64, Rhoose Social B 63.5, West End C 61.5, Allsorts 59, Slammers 59, Rhoose Social A 56.5, Liberals A 55, Rhoosters 54.5, Rhoose Social C 49, Liberals C 46, Cambrian Flyers 42.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street C 2, Wyndham Cons A 3; Harbour B 2, Savoy A 3; Rhoose Social B 1; Penarth Cons B 4; West End C 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Caddy Allstars 0, Cadoxton Cons B 5.

League table: Savoy A 74, Harbour B 74, Cadoxton Cons B 64, Wyndham Cons A 58, West End C 54, *Cadoxton Cons Z 43, Rhoose Social C 37, Caddy Allstars 35, Rhoose Social B 33, Market Street C 32, Penarth Cons B 32.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 0, Services Social B 5; Liberators 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; Penarth Cons A 1, Savoy B 4; Wyndham Cons D 2, West End A 3; Market Street B 3, Wyndham Cons C 2.

League table: Services Social B 67, Market Street B 63, Penarth Cons A 62, Liberators 61, Savoy B 58, Wyndham Cons C 52, Cadoxton Cons A 45, West End A 44, Sully Sports A 37, West End B 31, Wyndham Cons D 30 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

'Wrong way to tackle a problem'

AS with any activity, safety is of paramount importance but calls to ban tackling in schools rugby is not the best idea I've heard recently.

Many years ago, my boss suggested I should stop playing rugby when I turned up for work with a chipped ankle bone, after playing in a Pembrokehire Cup final. The same evening, he was hit in the eye playing squash and had a week off work.

It's not just contact sports that have risks of injury; each activity has its own element of risk. It's how we manage and reduce these risks that is important. Good practice, teaching, coaching, refereeing and instilling good attitudes and sportsmanship are essential and the earlier this is done, the better. Risk, of course, can be reduced, but never eliminated completely. The new awareness of

concussion is one recent improvement; not only rugby, but also football, and other sports must follow suit.

As a parent and grandparent of rugby-playing siblings, I do worry, but you cannot keep them wrapped up in cotton wool. Bumps and bruises are part and parcel of growing up. Back in the 70s while in college, I met Ross McWhirter, one of the twins of Guinness Book of Records fame and he said rugby, more than any other sport, helps to develop socially, emotionally, mentally and physically fit citizens.

By all means monitor and improve safety if at all possible but don't try to tackle the problem by outlawing tackling.

Teach children in school how to tackle properly; no high tackles; use arms - head in right position, etc - encourage sportsmanship. The alternative might be to take up Morris dancing! Dai Griffiths,

BOXING CHAMP LEE INSPIRES COLLEGE'S SPORTS STUDENTS



Boxer Lee Selby with the rugby academy team.

BARRY'S IBF world featherweight champion Lee Selby visited Cardiff and Vale College last week to give an inspirational talk to its sports students.

He was joined by his trainer Tony Borg, brother and fellow boxer Andrew Selby and coach Bill Reynolds, who is also a construction lecturer at CAVC.

After warming up, the Barry-

born boxer demonstrated his sparring skills with Tony in the college's state-of-the-art gym at its city centre campus.

After a tour of the campus, Lee took part in a Q&A session with the college's rugby academy team. He spoke about his training regime, the work ethic that motivates him and his readiness for a world title showdown later this year with Carl Frampton.

"I've really enjoyed meeting

the students today," Lee said.

"When I was in school, you never had anyone come in to give inspirational talks or demonstrate their skills, so giving something back to the students is great - it means the world to me.

"This new campus has an excellent gym; it has all the facilities they need, which is great for these rugby players."

Gymnasts impress at championships event!

PENARTH Gymnastic Club collected 14 mens and 10 womens Welsh Gymnastic titles over the weekend.

The Welsh Artistic & Disability Gymnastics Championships 2016 were held at the Sport Wales National Centre in Cardiff, and on the Saturday the mens competition took place with Penarth Gymnastics Club gymnasts taking part in the mens disability competition.

All five male gymnasts took part in this morning session, junior and senior CAT 1 comp A and B competition - in comp A James Savory kicked off the competition on the first apparatus, the Parrell bars.



Penarth Gymnastics Club gymnasts.

With only first place in the closely fought competition receiving a medal on individual apparatus, Gareth Lloyd

took the gold medal on the Parrell bars, floor, pommels and rings.

James Savory received the gold medals on high bar and vault and mens senior Welsh Gymnastics disability cat 1 comp A overall title.

Gareth Lloyd received the silver medal and Kieran Parson the bronze overall medal.

In the senior cat 1 comp B, David Melly from Cardiff won all six apparatus and received the mens senior Welsh Gymnastics disability in the senior cat 1 comp B overall title, while Ashley Ward from Sully received the overall silver medal in the under-14 cat 1 comp B.

Sunday was the womens' turn to shine, with Charlotte Hitt, from Dinas Powis, competing

Katie Whittaker from Cardiff, competing in the cat 2 comp B under-14 yet again, took all apparatus and the women's under-14 Welsh Gymnastics cat 1 comp B overall title.

Penarth Gymnastics Club is now based at Ty Verlon Estate, Barry - anyone interested in joining the club please contact Mrs Gwynedd Lingard MBE on 09290 703701 or email: penarthgymnasticsclub@gmail.com.

We hold classes daily for beginners to advance gymnasts, or come and try our new 'pay as you go' class on a Saturday.

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

THE latest results for Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for February 15 are as follows:

First division: SV Gals (J Richards 34) 305, Cigar Ladies (A McCarthy, L Webb 29) 291; Special Angels (L Brigham 31) 249, Baker's Dozen (K James, M Lewis 25) 225; Space Finders (M Clark 37) 333, Coppers (G Wride 33) 337; Bobby's Girls (N Toogood, S Seldon 27) 235, Castle Bandits (M Macey 27) 262; Colcot Ladies (H Edwards 28) 224, Family and Friends (S Brown 25) 248; Breakaways (V Martin 31) 299, Family Affair (J Walden 32) 305; Allsorts (K Bunting, L Thomas 31) 281, Barry

Stars (N Jones 22) 224. Second division: Pila Palas (R Webb 33) 325, Rhoose Starlights (L Fields 31) 297; Cad Con Follies (T Clements 26) 234, Little Devils (D Harry 23) 211; Castaways (A Greening, K Billings 30) 287, Vixens (N Sheppard 32) 273; Rhoose Ravens (C Bagnall, A Sheddum 24) 231, After Eights (M Hallybur 26) 237; Witchill Widows (B Bickerton 34), Red Admiral (J McCarthy 34) 327; SV Lights (P Beadle, M Seixas 30) 288, Clickies (K Watts 27) 240. Third division: Rugby Triers (J Gough 20) 207, Fallen Angels (L Chambers 25) 226; Hill Belles (H Collins 32) 333, La Belles (C Knight 32) 306; Persuaders (C Purbrick 28) 226, Westenders (G

Somers 23) 221; Etcetera (J Barton 26) 259, Friends and Neighbours (B Nicholls 27) 232; Airways Angels (M Carpenter 28) 229, Roller Coasters (G Giles 25) 218; Sea View Ladies (S Davey, C Griffiths 26) 244, Twilights (S Davis 32) 289. Fourth division: Liberals (S Andrews 22) 183, Guardian Angels (S Clarke 28) 179; Off The Rails (J Sims 26) 183, Challengers (M Griffith 26) 249; Uptown Girls (J Cosslett 26) 183, Witchill Wanderers (C Morrissey 28) 206; Socialites (J Savory 32) 266, Odd Bods 180; Living On A Spare (S Townsend 34) 310; Aristocats (T Weston, M Rogers 32) 312; Witches (J Caton 30) 277, Hell Raisers (B Nugent 28) 238.

Cup final joy for under-14s



VALE Ladies & Girls FC travelled to Taffs Well on March 3 to play in the under-14 South Wales FA Cup final against local rivals Cardiff City Ladies.

This was the club's first appearance in a cup final and cheered on by many parents, players and supporters, the girls put in an outstanding performance.

Having already beaten their final opponents in the league days earlier, Vale were looking for a fast start to the game executing their high tempo passing game and within the opening five minutes they had secured a two goal lead.

First, the impressive Sian Rees fired home after two minutes after some good build up play before midfielder, Anais Trinci doubled Vale's lead.

Striker Grace Horrell powered her way through the Cardiff defence, before slotting home for 3-0 and soon after it was four when winger Megan Sully shot home from 12 yards to put the Sky Blues in control after just 18 minutes.

The Vale defence were rarely

troubled, marshalled by captain Daisy Connolly, Rebecca Gentles, Phoebe Williams and goalkeeper Mae Atkins.

The midfield took control of the game from the start with the industrious Holly Jenkins and Kate Spargo breaking up play before setting up countless attacks on the Cardiff goal.

Sophie Hawkins also on the left caused problems for Cardiff and by half time the goal tally had gone to 6-0, Grace Horrell grabbing another two goals to complete her hat-trick.

The second half saw two Vale changes with Aliyah Jama and Grace Corne replacing Hawkins and Sully.

Vale maintained their relentless approach and played some excellent football in tough conditions with the pitch cutting up badly as the game progressed. Maisy Gibbs replaced Phoebe Curtis midway through the second half.

Horrell grabbed the game's seventh goal after great link up with forward Rees, before a fantastic team goal made it 8-0.

A lofted through ball from Jenkins found Rees on the left

who played a first time ball to the edge of the area for Trinci who controlled the ball before firing home with the outside of her foot.

Jenkins got her reward for an excellent display blasting home the ninth goal before Rees scored two excellent individual goals.

Horrell rounded off things with the final goal of the game but there was also a missed penalty which couldn't dampen the Vale spirit as the girls completed a comfortable 12-0 victory to win the SWFA Cup for the first time.

Credit has to go to the Cardiff players who kept on battling throughout despite the scoreline showing great team spirit.

It was a fantastic achievement from the girls and mention must also go to Erin Prynn, Chloe Moggridge and Olivia Townsend who didn't play on the night but have been a big part of the squad throughout the campaign.

Vale will now turn their attention to the league and league cup competitions where they are aiming to challenge for further honours.

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SKATERS PASS WITH FLYING COLOURS!



GLAMORGAN Artistic Roller Skating Club's young skaters have started the year brilliantly by succeeding first to attain passes in the Federation medal tests.

In the elementary class, Bethan Daly, Phoebe Escott, Michael Vaughan, Ewan Maxwell and Medi Western all passed with flying colours; the judges from Gloucester, Jenny Newbury and Sara Rymell, were very complimentary.

Passing their preliminary test, both Kaitlin Daly and Phoebe Escott skated beautifully.

On February 20/21, we travelled to Haywards Heath for the



Federation's Spring Championships where skaters from all over the country were competing. Two very long days, all told there were over a thousand skaters in various competitions competing in several events.

We very proudly won four bronze medals - Maya Archampong won two medals, Bethan Daly, Ewan Maxwell

collected one each.

Our other skaters skated very well, and they were Kaitlin Daly, Michael Vaughan and Erin Maxwell.

Having done so well it is so sad we cannot get the practise time and floor space we need so badly having been informed that the floor at Barry Leisure Centre is not fit for our purpose.

Thanks to the

volunteer coaches Sheilah Davies, head coach, and her assistants who give so much of their time - Donna Daly, Anne-Marie Escott, Liz Vaughan, Amy Goodwin, Sarah Archampong our driver, Alice Maxwell, the navigator, and the mums who do so much.

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STUDENTS BATTLE TO MEDAL GLORY



ON Sunday, February 28, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do travelled to Solihull Birmingham to take part in the first WOMAA/WKS Open European Championships.

The students representing the

Cadoxton School once again did their instructors and parents proud, bringing home with them 13 trophies between them and three European Champions.

Lucia Cunningham and Jessica Blackley got the club off to a good start taking second and third places in the girls advanced 10 to 16 patterns, while Cody

Jacobsen went on to take first place in the boys open weapon category.

Competing in the boys under 4'10" point sparring, we had Cody Jacobsen, Jake Quigley and Cameron Evans. Jake and Cameron just missing out while Cody went on to take second place.

Once again meeting in the boys under 4'10" continuous sparring we had Cody Jacobsen, Jake Quigley and Cameron Evans. This time Cameron went on to take the third place.

Mason Blackley took second in the under-13 boys point sparring and third in the boys under-13 continuous sparring.

Not to be outdone by her big brother, Jessica Blackley took first in the 9 and under girls point sparring, first in the girls under 4'10" point sparring and second in the girls under 4'10" continuous sparring.

Cian Allen took second in the boys under 5'2" continuous sparring, while his sister Maddison Allen had to pull out of her bout due to injury. Also having to pull out on the day was Joel Wells due to an earlier injury.

Thea Cunningham fought her way into the finals of the point and continuous sparring.

Thea took second in the point sparring and, having to pull out of the continuous sparring with a nose injury, she came away with another second place. Young Charlie Rogers gave an excellent account of herself and is definitely a future name to look out for.

The club is now in full training for the up and coming tournaments in Liverpool, the USA and the World Championships being held in Germany.

Pictured above with their instructor are: Mason Blackley, Lucia Cunningham, Cameron Evans, Cian Allen, Jake Quigley, Peter O'Callaghan, Ron Thomas, Thea Cunningham, Charlie Rogers, Maddison Allen, Cody Jacobsen and Jessie Blackley; missing is Joel Wells.

For further information phone (01446) 406372.

Big footballing names head to Vale

FORMER England Manager Glenn Hoddle will be heading to the Vale Sports Arena in Penarth as part of a special Euro 2016 Sports Dinner.

Guests will enjoy a three course meal, Q and A, speeches, auctions and much more in a fun and enjoyable action-packed evening.

Hoddle will be joined by Wales legend Neville Southall on May 13 in a special warm up to Euro 2016 and the much-anticipated encounter between England and Wales. He will also discuss his playing career and time as England manager.

Manchester United FC treble winner Andrew Cole will speak on April 29 about his successful career with Newcastle FC and Manchester United FC, where he won over 13 major honours.

In October one of the finest British footballers will grace the Vale Sports Arena as Paul Gascoigne will speak to guests about his career with Newcastle FC, Tottenham FC, playing in Italy with Lazio and, of course, that memorable World Cup in 1990 in Italy in his first sports dinner in Wales.

A PG10 Coaching spokesman added: "We are thrilled to help bring some of the biggest names in sport to the area, which we hope will inspire local people and children and enable them to take part in more sport related activities."

To book tickets for any of these events please email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.pg10coaching.co.uk.

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Early St David's Day for ladies!



ON February 25, a lovely sunny day, the ladies of Cottrell Park Golf Club celebrated an early St David's Day with a 12 hole Stableford competition followed by a light lunch.

Daffodils, leeks and dragons were the teams of the day. The individual competition was won by Toots Plant

with 21 points on the back six from Jan Cosby, and Helen Evans came third with the same score.

The ladies' captain Sian Lovell presented the prizes. The team competition was called an honourable draw and all ladies present were presented with a bunch of daffodils.

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'Don't ban tackling in school rugby'

'A TACKLING ban will threaten our national game', the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives has said.

Commenting on a letter which was sent to the Welsh Government calling for a ban on rugby tackling in schools, Andrew RT Davies AM said: "This is rather bizarre and yet another example of health and safety gone mad – a ban on tackling in schools' rugby would have huge ramifications on our national game."

"Without question, the safety of children participating in the sport is paramount and that is why coaching and educating youngsters on the art of tackling is such a vital aspect of the game and a player's development process."

"You do have to wonder what could be next? A ban on driving a

car for fear of getting in an accident? Safety of players should be at the top of everyone's agenda but some common sense needs to be applied and this proposal is one step too far.

"To ban tackling would pose a huge threat to our national game in Wales and would severely hamper our chances of producing the next Sam Warburton or Jamie Roberts."

"Good progress has been made in recent times over 'head injuries' and that has been down to the successful increase of education and awareness."

"Rugby is a superb sport, providing entertainment and joy to all four corners of our great country and importantly provides numerous benefits to children – such a ban would threaten our national game at all levels."

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Gatland orders, 'No change' as... Wales get set to take the wheels off English chariot

AN in or out debate far more pressing than any referendum on Europe, has kept Welsh rugby in suspense for two weeks – waiting for the team to be announced for the big clash at Twickenham on Saturday.

Pundits have been divided over which key players in certain positions should get the starting nod as Wales seek to overturn the English chariot (not for the first time) as it trundles towards a Grand Slam title last won in 2003.

The guessing game centred on the make-up of the back row; would head coach Warren Gatland repeat an earlier experiment of playing two number 7s – skipper Sam Warburton and Justin Tipuric alongside Taulupe Faletau? Perhaps not

by
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unexpectedly, in view of the task that lies ahead against the English juggernaut, he has stayed with chop-tackling Dan Lydiate as the third man in a more familiar, well-tested line-up.

He has also resisted the temptation to draft in scrum half Rhys Webb, now recovered from injury but short of game time, keeping faith with the lightning-quick Gareth Davies, who has proved a more than capable deputy for the Osprey man in the interim.

Equally, in the second row he has opted to retain the abrasive Bradley Davies in the starting line-up, rather than recall Luke Charteris, also newly recovered from injury.

All three will wait to be called on

from a strong-looking replacements bench that underpins an unchanged starting line-up – and completes a settled 23-man squad which (fingers crossed!) should have enough in the tank to bring Twickenham's chariot to a juddering halt, and end the men in white's dream of a Gatland-like Grand Slam debut for new head coach Eddie Jones – if only by the narrowest of margins.

WALES TEAM

Liam Williams; Alex Cuthbert, Jonathan Davies, Jamie Roberts, George North; Dan Biggar, Gareth Davies; Rob Evans, Scott Baldwin, Samson Lee, Bradley Davies, Alun Wyn Jones, Dan Lydiate, Sam Warburton (c), Taulupe Faletau. Replacements: Ken Owens, Paul James, Tomas Francis, Luke Charteris, Justin Tipuric, Rhys Webb, Rhys Priestland, Gareth Anscombe.

Close but not close enough... as Barry RFC are pipped by league leaders

PLAYING only their third league fixture since mid-December, Barry RFC entertained high-flying, unbeaten league leaders Porth Harlequins at the Reservoir Field last Saturday in an enthralling encounter, with the game only being settled in the final minutes, with the visitors claiming a late penalty to win by 11 points to 10.

It was a game that perhaps Barry could have won but experience overcame youthful exuberance on the day and perhaps the lesson to be taken away is how to close a game down in the final minutes when leading.

Playing with the slope and slight wind advantage in the first half, the visitors gave an early indication of their tactical plan with a series of territorial kicks which pinned Barry into their own 22.

With 10 minutes gone, Barry had not been in the opposition half and only some determined defence had kept the scoresheet blank.

However, the pressure continued to mount and it was no surprise when, following a series of penalties awarded against Barry, Porth opened the scoring to lead 3-0.

Barry were trying to play with the ball in hand and slowly, after weathering the early storm, began to get some possession which they used sensibly to take them into enemy territory and unsettle the visitors for the first time.

They were rewarded after Porth had infringed at the scrum, with Barros sending the resultant penalty high through the posts from 45 metres to bring the game level.

The game drifted into a stalemate for some minutes as both defences controlled the game and chances were limited in attack.

It was Barry who would break the deadlock when from a lineout, a clever chip over the top from Lee was caught by fast-chasing O'Sullivan, who beat the last defender to

cross wide out, with Barros adding the extras with another fine conversion, and after 30 minutes Barry were in the lead at 10-3.

As expected, the visitors responded immediately, driving Barry into their 22 with a series of forward drives which led to penalties, and finally a try, as Barry were reduced to 14 men with a yellow card. The successful conversion put the game on a knife edge at 10-8 as half-time approached.

The final minutes of the half saw Porth continue to press, but the home defence held firm and it was Barry who nearly sneaked a try when a loose ball was fed to White, who raced 60 metres in the clear – only to be caught by a last-ditch tackle from the covering winger.

Barry would have been more than satisfied with the scoreline after spending much of the half defending, but the question was, how would they manage the second with the slope in their favour?

The visitors had given them a clue in the first period.

The game ebbed and flowed, with Porth happy to get the ball into Barry territory, a job made easier by some ineffective line kicking and wrong options being taken.

Once again the defences were in control and despite one or two forays from the Barry backs, a score of any kind looked unlikely from either side.

It was at this stage that the experience of

the Porth side shone through as they slowly gained ground and retained the ball in hand, using driving lineouts.

In the modern game this usually results in penalties being awarded and this was to be the case again. After missing a relatively easy kick, Porth got themselves upfield again using the same tactic and a further penalty conceded by Barry saw them take the lead with five minutes left; the relief on their players' faces was obvious.

The character of the Barry side has been seen on many occasions this season and it showed again in the final minutes as they launched attack after attack on the Porth line.

Unfortunately there was to be no reward this time as the visitors repelled every effort and were grateful to hear the referee's final whistle.

I'm sure Barry will have learnt an important lesson on game management and tactics and will be better for it – it's all part of the learning curve they have been on this season.

The huge effort and commitment the players are putting into each game is a credit to them and the coaches, but sometimes you don't get the rewards you deserve.

Last weeks Mega Lottery numbers were 1,10, 13 and 14 and there were no winners; this week's jackpot will stand at £1.475.

Don't forget the club will be open for Six Nations Rugby this Saturday for the crunch England v Wales game.

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Dinas Powys RFC slip to a home defeat

A sunny, crisp day greeted the return of the Villagers of Dinas Powys RFC to the historic Common following a weather and Six Nations-enforced break of seven weeks.

The visitors from Dowlais outscored the home side by five tries to three tries in a physical encounter that proved a frustrating contest for the home coach John Duleavy.

The Villagers produced one of their brightest performances of the season, with second row Rhys Gambold, hooker Tom Baister, scrum half Sam Middlemiss and centre Ciaran Driscoll producing individual performances that would normally have ensured a home victory.

The home side dominated the first quarter of an hour and during this period missed two penalty kicks at goal.

The visitors, on their first visit to the Dinas Powys half, were awarded a penalty and kicked to the corner and having won the resultant lineout, started the inevitable rolling maul.

The situation appeared under control, but the referee decided the maul was stopped illegally. The procedure was repeated and home prop Andrew O'Mallia was deemed to have offended again and was sent from the pitch for a 10-minute period in the sin bin.

This proved to be a crucial decision by the match official as the visitors from Dowlais were to score 14 points during this period.

The scoring was opened as the resulting rolling maul lumbered over in the corner; with an excellent conversion added, the visitors led by seven points.

The youthful home side responded immediately with a penalty from the boot of fly-half Ben White, but hero turned to villain soon after as White chose to kick the ball away deep in the Dowlais half; the ball was gathered by the visiting scrum half who, following smart interplay with his fellow threequarters, scored a second try in the corner.

The Villagers finished the half dominating territory and possession and were rewarded with a try scored by flanker Lewys John which reduced the deficit to 10-14.

The home side produced a flowing period of play and were unfortunate not to score a further try as right wing Rhys Evans was adjudged to have dropped the ball in the act of scoring.

The second half started as the first had finished, with Dinas Powys encamped in the Dowlais half and looking likely to score. Home centre Ciaran Driscoll blasted his way towards the opposition try-line and dropped the ball in the act of scoring.

The feeling along the touchline was that it was simply not going to be the Villagers' day was confirmed when a speculative kick by the Dowlais left wing was charged down, only for a sequence of freak ricochets that saw the ball regathered by the kicker, who raced unopposed to score under the posts.

The home side resumed their pounding of the opposition defence but an interception allowed the Dowlais left winger to score his second try of the game.

The feeling of disbelief looking at the score of 10-26 amongst the supporters was obvious, but the home side were soon again on the attack and a sequence of fine interplay released Rhys Evans to score in the right corner.

With the score standing at 15-26, the home threequarters attempted to run the ball from everywhere and an optimistic long pass on their own tryline was dropped and the visitors scored their fifth try, and with the simple conversion added they extended their lead to 15-33.

The spirit amongst the home players was evident as again they returned to the attack and a series of powerful surges by Lewis Dunleavy and Ryan Shallish from the back row resulted in Tom Baister crashing over for a well-worked team try.

The Villagers return to action on March 19, away to Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd.

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News from the Barry Chess Club

THIS week saw a further two matches in the East Glamorgan Chess League.

The Barry Camelots played host to the Cardiff Bishops in division one while the Barry Gambits entertained the St John's College Neutrinos in division four.

Both of the Barry teams sat one place above the bottom in their respective divisions before their games. Both teams suffered resounding defeats but stay in the same position in the league.

In division 1, in a strange turn of events, all three teams in the relegation spots had a home game on Monday. All three teams lost by the same score and each team only picked up a half point from the five on offer.

Ken Hannah was the Barry player to save our blushes, helping the Camelots to retain their record of not being whitewashed this season.

Three players who are normally in the squad for selection for the Quarks stepped up to help out the Camelots and can feel happy with their performances, even if they couldn't add to the score.

It is only a matter of time before the St John's Positrons, Barry Camelots and Bridgend Central Rockets are all relegated.

Having just completed round 14, I expect the relegation issue to be

sorted by round 16 with two rounds still to play.

In division 4 the Gambits were up against a Neutrinos team who still harbour thoughts of promotion.

They have strengthened their team and against an inexperienced Gambits, a victory for the Neutrinos was almost inevitable.

However, last week I commented on a good victory for David Jones in the Barry Club Championships. He has carried this good form into this match and earned an even better victory against David Wright, who has a rating of 1321.

This is far in excess of David's rating so shows what an excellent performance this was. Unfortunately this was all then Gambits could muster, falling to a 4-1 defeat.

The Gambits remain in eighth place but are 10 points adrift of the Pontypridd Thirds, with only five matches still to play. Their only target now is to pick up the points necessary to keep them off the bottom of the division.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

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Dinas Powys ladies golf club results

AUTUMN Eclectic from October 13 to December 15, 2015:

1st Lisa Ryley 35 - 3.75 = 31.25nett, 2nd Annie Blackburn 38 - 5.25 = 32.75nett, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam 37 - 3.25 = 33.75 nett.

January 19, a nine hole Medal: 1st Annie Blackburn 30 - 10.5 = 39.5nett, 2nd Sue Bridle 49 - 8.5 = 40.5nett, 3rd Angela Brown 52 - 11 = 41nett.

February 16, nine hole Stableford: 1st Ann Mahenthiralingam 15 pts on back 3 from 2nd Gwyneth Atwood 15pts on back 6 from 3rd Lisa Ryley 15pts.

February 23, White Elephant nine hole Medal: 1st Pat Gosling 53 - 16 = 37 nett, 2nd Gwyneth Atwood 50 - 12.5 = 37.5 nett on back 3 from 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam 44 - 6.5 = 37.5 on back 6 from Sue Bridle 46 - 8.5 = 37.5 nett.

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